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Buy a Bale Fundraiser a Huge Success ... Let's Raise The Roof

By Dianne Graham, Director, Minden Hills Cultural Centre

On behalf of our hardworking volunteers, I'd like to extend a huge *Thank You* to everyone who has "bought a bale" in support of RD Lawrence Place! As I'm writing this, we have sold 460 bales within six weeks - our goal of 500 will likely be reached within the next few days. It has been an amazing show of support from our community and we really appreciate it. As a matter of fact, our campaign is featured on our website, and we have sold bales from as far away as New York, Winnipeg, Alaska, Scotland and even Australia! RD Lawrence Place is indeed bringing an awareness of Haliburton County to a world audience.

Let's Raise the Roof

We're certainly not finished – and everyone still has the chance to be part of the Place. Our next goal is to "Raise the Roof" and 500 sections are available for purchase. At $10, it's a real steel (roof, that is!). Your name - or a grandchild ....or perhaps that of a family member you'd like to honour - will go in our commemorative history book and on a display at the Cultural Centre. It will also be featured on a virtual roof on our website *mindenculturalcentre.com.* One of our students even suggested that a $10 "piece of the roof" would be a great gift to honour a teacher at the end of the school year.

We also need major *support* for the roof and have 50 trusses available for sponsorship at $250. Once again, your name will be featured in our book, on a display and on our website. You will also receive a framed certificate acknowledging your part in the Place.

As soon as the tickets are printed, they will be available at our reception, the Township office, Kathy's Kitchen at Fleming College and at the Wolf Centre in Haliburton.

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Buy a Bale Cont'd...

left to right - Emma Lavery, Ann Lavery, Alex Casper, Stephanie Walker, Debra White, Alana Casper. The girls were working on their Key to Our Community badge when Emma Lavery suggested the idea that they consider supporting the R.D. Lawrence Place project. Their weekly dues were used to 'Buy a Bale'. The Guide leaders as well as Cultural Centre staff are extremely proud of the girls for taking the initiative.

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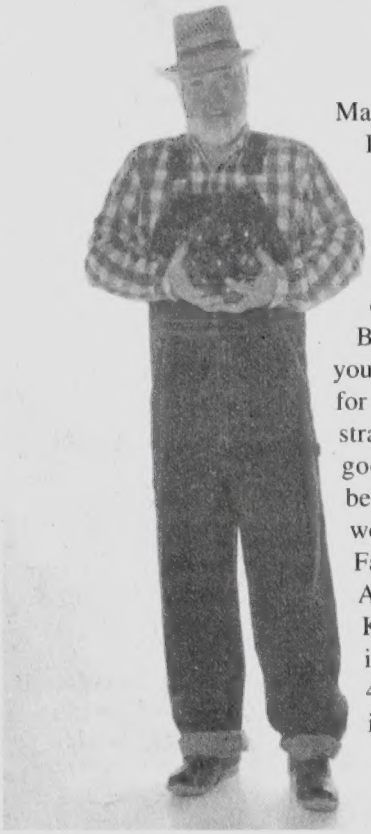
Construction is well under way – and it's certainly exhilarating to have the 26 students from Fleming College bringing their ideas and energy to the project! Tours will be provided at 5:30 on Thursday afternoons from May 24th . You are welcome to come on by and watch the progress!

Please call the Centre at 286-2808 or 286-3154 if you'd like to be part of RD Lawrence Place. Once again, thank you so much for your support!

Famer's Market Starting Up Again



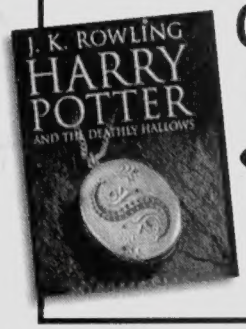
May 19th will be the first day for the Kinmount Farmers Market for 2007 and there will be more than great shopping available to all who attend. There will also be a draw for a "Farmers Market Basket" full of all kinds of "goodies".

Be sure to attend this great sale for your chance to win the basket and shop for such local items as fresh veggies, strawberries, baked goods, gourmet goodies, preserves, herbs, organic beef and lamb, maple syrup, wood work and many other great items. The Farmers Market will be located at Austin Sawmill Heritage Park in Kinmount from 9am to 2pm. For more info or to become a vendor call 705-488-1749 or email info@harmonyfarm.ca.

Tour The Site:

Fleming College's Sustainable Building Design & Construction Program will be hosting free guided tours of the current project underway in Minden. The R.D. Lawrence Place will function as a cultural facility and museum, constructed using sustainable methods and materials.

Tours start on May 24th and will run on Thursdays at 5:30 pm at 174 Bobcaygeon Road, directly behind the Minden Public Library. For more information call 457-7293 or visit www.sustainablebuilding2007.ca



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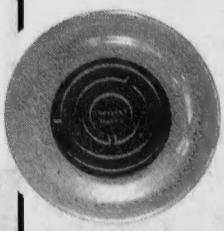

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Beginning May 20th, we will be open on Sundays from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.

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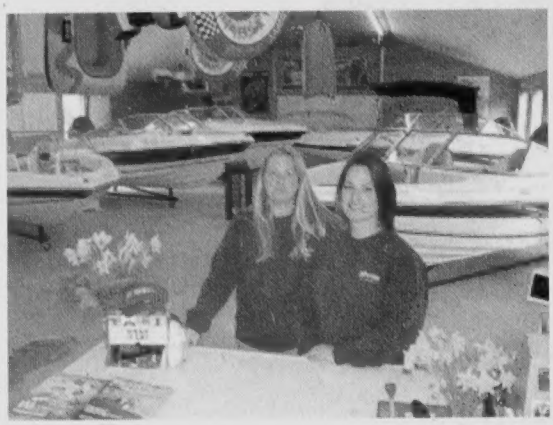
Walsten Marine

Spotlight On Business

by George Farrell

A Third Generation Family Business

You wouldn't think to look at Jennifer Piken and Pam Stender that they are sisters, one is dark the other blonde. Neither would you think that they would be owners of a very impressive marine operation, both of them looking more like vibrant university students. But sisters they are, and owners too, along with Jennifer's husband Stuart Picken. Walsten Marine is a family business, so they have a lot of savvy close at hand, to fall back on.



Walsten Marine located south of Kinmount on County Rd 121 had its start back in 1977. At that time it was called Walsten Ltd, and was owned by Walter and Eva Stender, Jennifer and Pam's grand parents. They sold wood stoves tractors and chain saws. Wally Stender, the sisters Dad, and Uncle Al Stender would help out Walter and Eva with the operation, and that was the start of the family enterprise that is today Walsten Marine. Wally and Al are still actively involved in the business, and provide help and expertise to ease the transition of new ownership responsibilities. That's the strong point of family owned businesses, and the formula has proved very successful for Walsten Marine.

"Right from the beginning when grandad sold tractors it was a successful enterprise," Jennifer begins. Then in 1982 dad started buying and selling boats. " I bought 5 and sold 2," Wally interjects as he passes by." Jennifer takes us back to the site's origins. "It was a mill when Walter bought the property,' she informs me. "The land came with 200 acres. Dad and Walter and Al built the original structure in 1972. Our showroom was added in 2002." And quite a showroom it is. It's like a power-boat paradise.

I've often driven by the marine, and the thing that struck me was that it seemed to be nowhere near any visible water and I wondered about the client-base as I always thought marinas were supposed to be on water. Landlubber that I am, I was quickly told by Jennifer that a marina, with an "a" was on water, whereas a marine, with an "e" was not. See, you learn something new every day, and it sure was a delight to learn something from these two young women.

"In our area there are hundreds of lakes, and we service all the lakes in the immediate area," says Jennifer. "Our customer base is mostly tourists," picks up Pam, "but we do get some local business. We get people from all over southern Ontario and the Northern States, wherever cottagers come from."

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Canada's First Yamaha Five Star Dealership

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"Boats are the big ticket items. The family runabouts like our 17 foot bow riders are popular, as are the pontoon boats. We buy about 150 boats a year, and we pretty much sell everything." At the marine the boats are fitted with the appropriate engines, and "in total we sell about 200 engines a year, says Jennifer."

"We are a five star Yamaha dealership," Pam chimes in. "Canada's first five star Yamaha dealership," Wally proudly corrects, as he sits in for awhile. "They are the only engines that we sell," Pam continues, "and as far as we're concerned they're the best engines in the world."

"Almost all the engines that we sell now are four stroke," Wally adds. "It's a trend that has been coming along the last 5 years, but now it's almost all 4 stroke." Happy that the interview is in good hands Wally strides away to do other stuff, and Pam picks up the residue of the conversation. "Four strokes are cleaner running and are better for the environment, and they're much quieter-the quietest engines out there," she says knowledgeably. They're also up to 50% more fuel efficient than a 2 stroke, or an inboard-outboard" I nod my head in agreement as though I have some idea of why that should be, though I'm not sure I fooled anyone. We sell engines from 2.5 hp up to150 hp," Jennifer adds into the lull, as I contemplate a question that will avert my ignorance on the topic. "Yamaha makes bigger engines, and if people want them, we can get them."

In addition to the power boats and engines Walsten's also sells kayaks and canoes, and all the accessories you can think of: paddles, life preserves, water skis and ropes, and wake boards; just to name a few.

Storage and services, and a Specialty Product

Walsten's have 4 storage buildings, and store about 350 customer boats. Driving by the marine last August, shortly after the windstorm, I could see one of the barns on the property had a roof blown off, and there was a great deal of destruction to many trees in the area. I wondered whether any boats had been damaged. "It damaged one of the storage buildings, and we lost the roof off the barn, but fortunately not a single customer boat was damaged. It wasn't anything serious. We lost a lot of trees, but things were back to normal pretty quickly," Jennifer assures me.

The marine has a full service which services all makes and models of boats and engines. They have 3 full time licensed mechanics, among 15 full time seasonal staff. They do fibreglass repairs, as well as repairs on boat covers and sun tops.

At the marine they also manufacture what they call an Aquadome. It's a cantilevered (always loved that word) boat awning, that attaches to your dock, and acts like a boat garage. It eliminates the need to cover your boat

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So whether it's a marine or marina, it's a seasonal business and in the winter months things are basically shut down, right? Apparently such is not the case. "In the winter we do maintenance of engines on the storage boats," Jennifer states positively, "and we put the engines on our showroom boats. Plus we do the Toronto Boat Show in January, where we sell maybe 30 boats. In the spring and at the end of March we do the Cottage life Show, and we sell an additional 10 boats there, so it keeps us going."

I never had a chance to talk to Stuart Picken, Jennifer's husband and one of the new owners, but judging by the knowledge that Jennifer and Pam Stender demonstrated, I would say the business is in good hands.

Walsten Marine is located at 3613 County Rd 121. The phone number is (705) 488 2811. To find out more punch in info@walstenmarine.com

Minden Rotary Dinner / Auction

For a fantastic evening out – and the chance to purchase some fantastic items, be sure to get your tickets now for this annual event.

The Minden Rotary Club is again hosting their Giant Charity Auction Dinner Saturday June 16, at the Minden Community Centre. Giant charity auction - hundreds of items with loonie, live, silent auctions and country raffle table.

Doors open at 5 p.m. for viewing and bidding, and at 7 p.m. a fabulous dinner served by Our Lady of Fatima Church.

The cost to attend is a mere $20.00 per plate. Raffle proceeds go to community projects. Please call Jeanne Anthon at 286-3756 for tickets.

Bad Predictions

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The birth of war will be the death of education as we have known it…School hours will be shortened to permit war work by the children which will release more men for the fighting. 'Useless subjects, which will mean everything that does not train for war, will gradually be dropped from the curricula...Colleges will become no more than finishing schools for officers...And in its place will be a specialized system under which robot minds will be put through their paces with military precision...All liberal books, all books giving 'the other side of the question,' will be banned and very likely burned as they have been in other countries. A book like this would be the first to go."

- W. W. Chaplin, What Will Happen and What to do When War Comes, 1939.

Stanhope Airport Adding New Runway

by Erin Lynch

John Packer at the Stanhope Airport

With a strong business vision, the Haliburton Highlands Stanhope Airport has been building and expanding since John Packer became airport manager in 1998. Presently, the local small craft airport is in phase two of a three phase plan which will add an additional 4000 foot runway.

Currently the runway is 2,500 feet, running east to west. Packer says an additional runway is essential for general aviation pilot safety, water bombers and for fixed wing emergency aircrafts. The new 4,000 foot runway will run North to North West and South to South East.

Packer says the airport expansion will be a job creator in the community. "The job growth will be phenomenal," says Packer who cites that since the airport began growing there has been the creation of 20 aviation and non-related aviation jobs. While the airport sells off additional property, an industrial park area begins to develop with such businesses as heat line, creating an added income tax base.

"In addition to building the runway we need to look at financing, land acquisition, numerous studies and public statements of support," says Packer who admits they are presently stalled in phase two, working out legal matters and acquiring a final piece of property.

Packer says an expression of interest from a developer would create 30 to 50 additional homes with hangers that would have access to the runway. He cites an economic impact statement that was done on the airport last year. Through direct and indirect spin-off Packer says the expansion would provide 4.1 million dollars to the province. "The airport would become a major player in the economic development in the county," says Packer.

"What were trying to do is create jobs in this community," says Packer.

However, not all residents share his enthusiasm for the project.

"I don't fly and I don't like it," says Erik Scuhr whose Gull River home is situated close to the property. Scuhr says that noise is presently an issue and questions whether there will be any real benefits to the average local resident.

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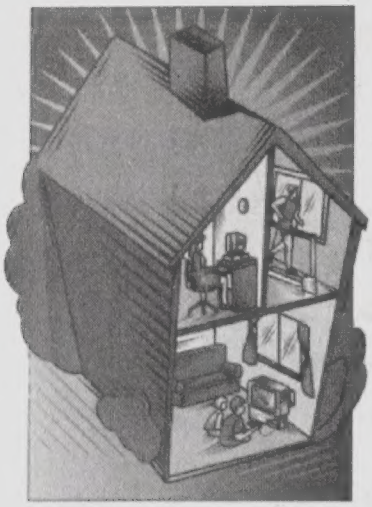


Haliburton Home & Cottage Show – Bigger – Better – Don't Miss It!!!!

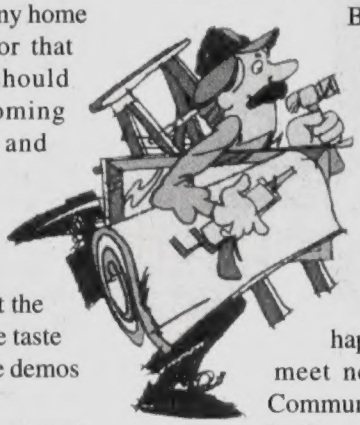
There's a great way to find some great services in the area, find out what's new, what's hot, all the building trends – and so much more. Any home owner, cottager – for that matter, everyone should attend the upcoming Haliburton Home and Cottage Show.

This year there is some great new additions – so if you've been before – you haven't seen nothing yet!!!

There will be decorating items and gifts, you will have the chance to talk to "the experts" three times throughout the weekend with three great scheduled workshops; enjoy the taste of Haliburton feature local food producers; and watch live demos all weekend.

Lets not forget that this is not only a great info gathering event, but a great social as well. There is a beer tent on site with entertainment and food – there are craft booths, play areas for the kids – there's just tons, so why would you want to miss it?

Everything from on-hand vehicle lettering & sign making, to home décor, builders, tradespeople, hot tubs, recreation items, things for the inside and outside of your home or cottage – the list goes on. Actually, there are over 120 exhibitors – so what isn't there?



Be sure to attend – and watch inside this issue – there is a money saving coupon attached to the bottom of the Home Show ad which saves you on admission.

The Home Show is June 1-3 – it's a biggie – and it's an event NOT TO MISS!!!

If you would like to be part of the show, I do believe there are a couple booths left. The person to contact is Wayne Hussey – you can reach him at 457-2892 and he'd be happy to squeeze you in. What a great way to meet new clients!! We'll see you there – the Communicator has their spot and it's going to be fun!!!

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Hey Kids.... It's back once again, and if you haven't done it before – trust me, this is one fun event.

Last year I had the great opportunity to take my great nephews to the annual Haliburton/Stanhope Young Eagles Flight weekend. What is that you ask? It's a chance to fly in an airplane.

First you are given a lesson on the plane, how they fly, what the parts are, and you are given a chance to ask a real pilot questions about airplanes and flying.

Then get ready to suit up and head for the skies. You will be taken up in the plane for a tour of the area – and from what my nephews said, it was a memory of a lifetime.

After the exciting flight, you are official members of the Young Eagles Club and you are given a certificate to prove it.

This really is a great event for the youngsters – it's for any children between the ages of 7 to 17. The owners of the planes the pilots) generously donate their time for this event, and gas is also donated – so there is no cost to take part.

The event is taking place June 2-3 at the Stanhope Airport. This is the 29th annual – it's a popular event for sure. For more information you can contact the airport at 754-2611.

MEAC: Minden Emergency Animal Care Fundraiser

Your Pet Could Be Model on Calander

Driving along the road you see a puppy. He is whimpering and can't walk. You stop the car. There is no collar and no one around. His leg is obviously broken. What would you do? With no humane society or animal shelter in the area animals like this have often been left to die or suffer in pain.

Fortunately, a group of local residents concerned for stray animals that are injured or sick have created Minden Emergency Animal Care (MEAC). By providing immediate emergency care with the support of Dr. Sanio as medical advisor, injured and sick abandoned and feral animals will not be left to suffer or die for lack of vital treatment. Her knowledge, skills and capable staff will be integral team supporters in helping MEAC provide the medical assistance these animals require.

Animal care requires capital. Thus, a number of fun fund-raising activities are presently being planned, including a 2008 pet photo calendar contest, a dog/car wash, and a pet portrait day.

You can show your support by participating in MEAC events. With an individual donation of $20, your name and your pet's name will appear on the back page of the 2008 MEAC calendar. Your name will also be entered to win some great prizes donated by our generous supporters. Anyone wishing to help can reach MEAC at MEAC2007@gmail.com or MEAC at POB 698, Minden, ON, K0M 2K0

Pet Photo Calendar Contest

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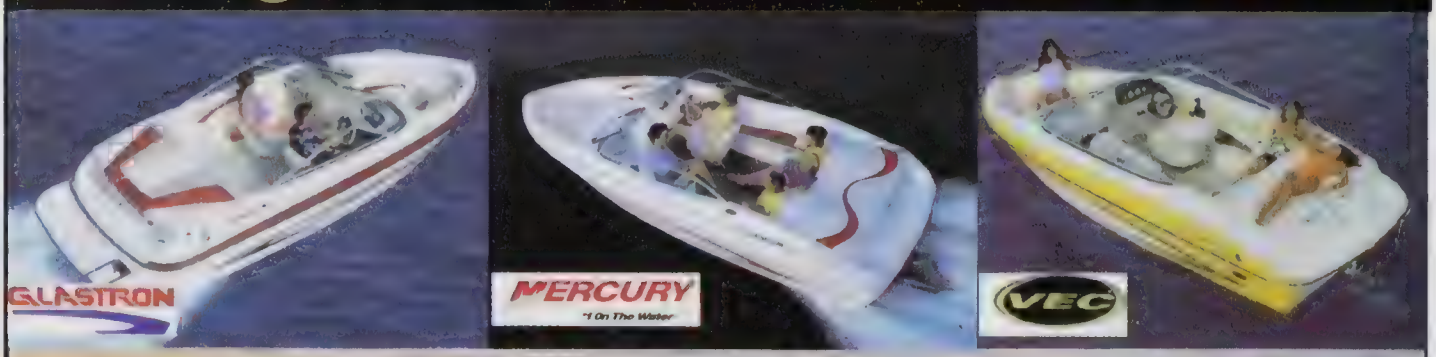
Making memories...one boat at a time!



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Pet Photo Contest cont'd...

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Entry Rules:

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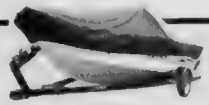
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Doors open at 6 pm and games start at 7 pm. Jackpot is $800.00 on special card, $500 on regular. Lots of fun games! Don't miss out!!

A Yard Sale for the Cure!

A Yard Sale for the cure! That's what's happening in the Remax Minden parking lot on May 26th. Come on out between 8am and 2 pm and see if you can find yourself a treasure, and all proceeds to breast cancer research . If you have articles that you would like to donate, call the Remax office at 286-2911 to arrange for pickup of your large articles or drop them off at your convenience at the Minden Office for this worthwhile cause. Thanks for your generosity.

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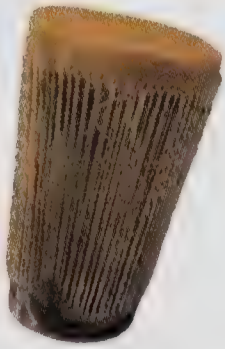

If you have an interest in making your own drum, you're in the right County! Earthtones Studio in Haliburton is holding some workshops this May to help you build your own drum in a hurry.

On Saturday May 19th you can learn to make your own African Drum. Sunday May 20th will be a workshop to teach you how to make your own PVC drum or Didgeridoo, or both, and on Sunday may 27th there will be a workshop on Frame Drum Making. All workshops are done in one day. For more info and prices call Earthtones Studio at 455-9666 or email: john3131@bellnet.ca.

Spring Bird Walk

Bird Watchers – get yourself to Gould's Crossing nice and early – 6:425 a.m. on May 26th and get ready to discover some fine feathered friends. The Haliburton Highlands Field Naturalists are hosting their annual Spring Bird Walk, led by Don Smith.

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The wife replied, "The funeral director would be my first guess."

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An Evening Workshop with Martha Randall and Gary Diggins

Tuesday, May 22, 7 – 9 p.m. Great Hall, Fleming College, Haliburton

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Tickets are $15 (or pay whatever you can) Contact & Register: John or Dianna: john3131@bellnet.ca Or call (705) 455-9666. For information on Gary or Martha www.garydiggins.com www.niadancer.com

Come Meet Bert The Bear

Is it real?? That's the big question everyone seems to ask at Cottage Country Log Cabin Gift Store in West Guilford when they see this bigger than life-size black bear in the store. The short answer is no, even though owner Pat says, "he just followed me home from the gift store," with a chuckle.

"We decided to name him Bert the Bear after my late father. He makes a great new attraction for people to see in the area."

Bert the Bear is on display at the store for all to see. It's worth the trip. If you've never been in Cottage Country Log Cabin before, you're in for a treat. It is Haliburton County's largest gift store with a ton of unique items for all tastes and ages. If you're familiar with the store, Pat ensures there are a lot of new arrivals and changes inside that you must experience.

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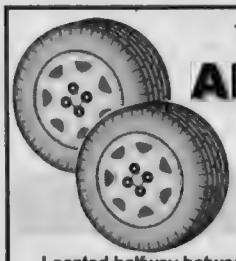
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Move & Groove Stroller fun for Parents and Children

Haliburton OEYC – May 1 to June 12 10:30 to 11:30 am Join other parents to… Kick-off your spring walking plan, Gain tips & ideas to stay motivated for success, Show your child the importance of physical activity, Come with a friend or connect and make new friends. Healthy Snacks and weekly prizes! This program is provided in partnership of Ontario Early Years and HKPR District Health Unit. Call 457-2989 to register

Play and Learn in Wilberforce with the Ontario Early Years Mobile Outreach.

Drop-in and see us every other Thursday at the Lloyd Watson Centre from 9:30 am to 12:00 pm. Parents and children 0 – 6 years will enjoy activities, crafts, and active circle times; toy and book lending; ideas to help keep kids healthy and safe; nutritional snacks; and guest speakers. Join us on May 3,17,31 and June 14. . Call Ontario Early Years Haliburton for more information 457-2989.

Books Bears & Blankets at the Minden Ontario Early Years Centre, Tuesdays May 22,29 and June 5 from 5 – 7 pm.

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Death is Nature's way of telling you to ease up

Open Again!! - Stan's Garage - Where the Motto Has Always Been: "Gas, Grease & Gab"

By George Farrell

Stan's Garage was for years a landmark to residents of Haliburton Village, and cottagers going north. The business was located at what is now 14367 Highway 118, at the top of the steep hill, just outside Haliburton, and was operated by Stan Parish. According to son John, who is in real estate, "Dad started in the business in 1949 and he opened the garage in 1951. He operated it until about 1970, and then he leased it to Karen O'Connor. She ran it until 2 or 3 years ago when it was sold to Sue and Doug Black."

"Dad was a real character in that he had a following of clientele that would drive miles just to purchase gas there. It was his personality that drew the people. Sort of like Lucky in Kinmount." Lucky might be somewhat aghast to think that people were coming to see him for his personality, but I let it ride. "I wish them all the luck in the world," John says of the new owners of Stans Garage, "and I hope they're successful in bringing back the type of clientele that Dad used to have."

The new owners John refers to are Vince Hammond and Rick Creasy, two garrulous, and it would appear, hard working guys who have known each other for ever, and are used to working together. I talked to Rick Creasy first. Rick was born and raised in Picton, but he has resided in the Whitby area for about 25 years."I've had a tire company since 1985. It's a family owned company called Ricks Tire and Supply Inc." Rick's wife Michelle, son Shawn, daughter Terra, and brother-in-law Elvis, all help out with the operation, (and yes, I'm sure Rick's heard all the stale Elvis jokes). "My best friend Vince and I also have another business in Whitby together, and we've been looking at this place for the last year and a half," he says, "and we finally decided to buy it from the Blacks. We purchased on March 7th of this year, and we opened up officially on May 3rd."

Stan's, in addition to selling gas, will also be selling tires, propane, ice, dairy products, worms bait, diesel and colored diesel, when things are fully operational. Stan's also offers full mechanical service for your vehicles. "Business has been good," claims Rick. "There's never been a tire store here before, and everybody needs tires." He is also quick to point out that "we offer full service at the pumps, its not self serve." Are you listening Minden?

"We're starting to get our customer-base, and we'd like to continue getting back the customers that Stan had originally-like Emerson Lumber, Haliburton Lumber, the Fire Department and businesses like that." Rick is staying for the time being at his partner Vince's place, "but sooner or later I'll move up. I love it up here, the people are great, and they love to talk."

Talk and networking seem to be the operative words, because during my time with Rick, Vince has been either talking to clients in the garage, talking on the phone, or gabbing to people at the gas pumps. Vince grew up in Haliburton and he finished high school

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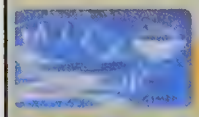

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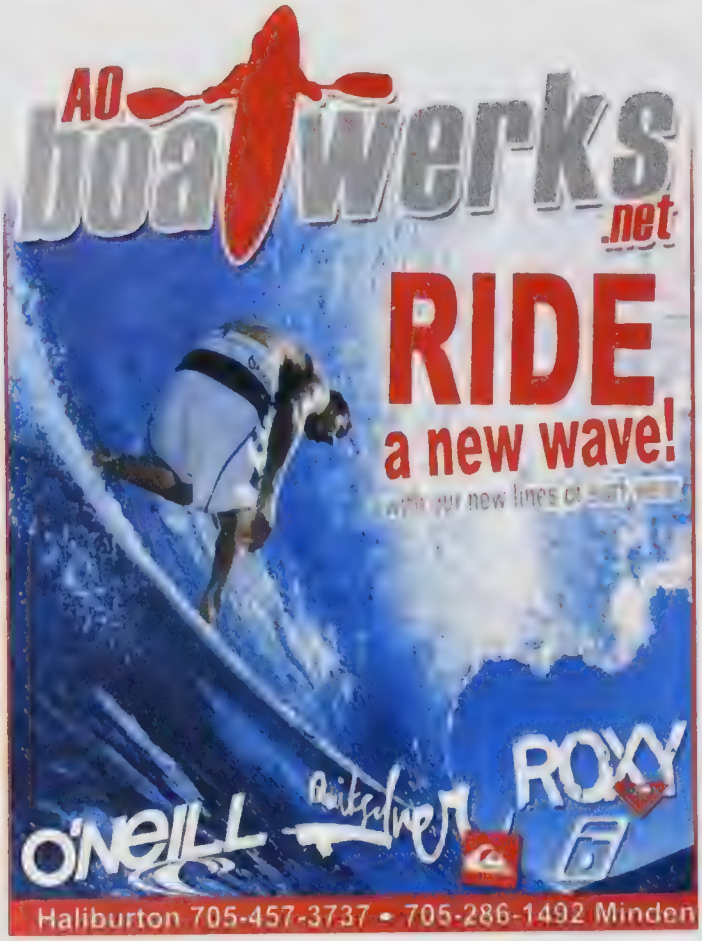

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Party Pooper:

A police officer, investigating a noise complaint at a bachelorette party in Gainesville, Florida was mistaken as the entertainment for the night.

The partygoers thought the Gainesville police officer was a stripper, and they didn't realize he was legitimate until he drove away with the bride-to-be in handcuffs. Although they never touched the officer, the partiers were wondering when the show would begin.

The 30-year-old officer, a married, six-year veteran of the force, issued a noise warning, and as part of procedure, he also ran a warrants check on the bride-to-be. That's when he found that the 24-year-old woman had an outstanding warrant for a violation of probation involving an almost 2-year-old open-container citation.

Said the officer: "I told her about the open container. Her friends, they were saying, 'I'm sure he's joking.' I guess she was waiting for somebody to tell her the joke was over. I don't think it hit home until we were actually in the car."

Court records show she had failed to pay $11 in connection with the citation, resulting in the probation violation and a warrant. The woman's bond set at $11, and she was released.

Robber steals money, but leaves behind his wallet.

A forgetful thief is in custody after leaving behind his calling card at the scene of the crime.

At about 7 p.m. on New Year's Day, Alfonso Valbuena, 22, went into a Mobil gas station in Lantana, Florida, opened his wallet and asked the clerk for change. He then placed his wallet down on the counter, pulled a gun from his waistband and demanded cash.

The robber then fled the scene with $200 in cash, but amid the hasty escape forgot one thing - his wallet that he left behind on the counter.

Authorities found several traffic citations in his wallet that they subsequently used to track down the suspect. Valbuena was charged with armed robbery and is being held in Palm Beach County Jail, according to a court clerk.

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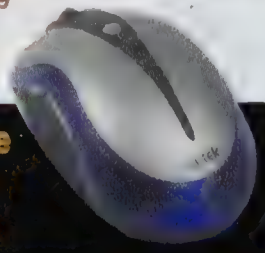

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here, after which he started in the trucking and excavating business in Oshawa. He's married to wife Barb, and they have a daughter who is 15, and a son Wesley 11, who are both going to school in Oshawa. The Hammonds have a cottage on Haliburton Lake. "I've started doing more excavating and trucking up here in the last few years," Vince tells me. "Rick and I are business partners, and we just expanded. We like the location, the property that goes with it, plus the potential. There's also the name and history to the place. I guess that was one of the bigger reasons for us buying it. We'd like to get it right back to the way it was when Stan Parish was here. It says it all on our sign, which also was Stan's original motto: Gas, Grease and Gab."

"People are tickled pink, and happy to see this place open again and maintain the original name," Vince exclaims. "We're here right now to open up and to get things of the ground, and operating smoothly. We'll certainly be around here quite a lot, but in June, our managers Blaire, and Cynthia will be operating the business full time for us."

If Blair and Cynthia have the hard-working approach, and the same gift of the gab that Vince and Rick have, talents that were so much a part of the original Stan's garage, then success will surely follow.

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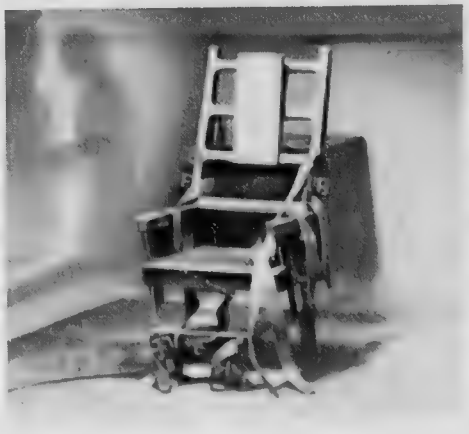

The electric chairs and such of generations past were largely homemade affairs, and it showed—often you could obtain equally humane results by setting the guy on fire. After a few grisly incidents following the resumption of executions, prison wardens began looking around for somebody who knew what he was doing. They found what they wanted (they thought) in Boston engineer Fred Leuchter.

As revealed in a 1990 story in the Atlantic, Fred A. Leuchter Associates had become Death 'R Us, the U.S.'s only commercial supplier of execution equipment. A prison guard's son who had become fascinated by the machinery of death, Leuchter would rehab your old electric chair, make you a new one, or if you preferred sell you a lethal injection system ($30,000), gallows ($85,000), or gas chamber ($200,000).

Unmentioned in this and similar media accounts was the fact that Leuchter was also one of the scientific mainstays of Holocaust denial. In 1988, on the strength of his supposed expertise in gas chambers, Leuchter had been hired by neo-Nazi Ernst Zündel to examine the gas chambers at the Auschwitz death camps. Zündel, a German national living in Canada, was then in the process of being retried under Canada's "false news" law for claiming that the Holocaust was a myth. (His first conviction had been overturned on appeal.) Zündel wanted Leuchter to find evidence that the Auschwitz gas chambers could not have been used to kill Jews. Leuchter obliged, producing what is now known as the Leuchter Report and testifying at the trial. Among other things he claimed that only minimal traces of lethal gas could be found in what was left of the Auschwitz execution chambers.

Little credence was given to Leuchter's testimony at the trial. Nonetheless his report was widely disseminated among Holocaust deniers and was (and I suppose still is) commonly cited by them as proof that the Holocaust was a Zionist fabrication.

The Leuchter Report proved to be its author's undoing. During the trial it came out that Leuchter had had little technical training, did not have a degree in engineering, and had no formal credentials as an engineer. The state of Massachusetts accused him of practicing engineering without a license and in 1991 he agreed to cease and desist. His execution consulting business, already in trouble once his efforts on behalf of the Holocaust deniers became known, evaporated completely. He blames Jewish antidefamation groups and it's safe to say they hastened his demise.

Leuchter's strange story was the subject of a 1999 documentary by filmmaker Errol Morris called Mr. Death: The Rise and Fall of Fred A. Leuchter, Jr. The film consists mostly of interviews with Leuchter, in which he comes across as an oddball who got sucked into the Holocaust denial movement and was ultimately destroyed by it.

While no one would claim that death-penalty advocates

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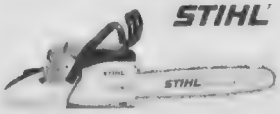

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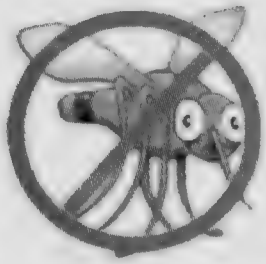
overlap to any significant degree with the neo-Nazis, the Leuchter business can't help but increase one's queasiness at the spectacle of state-sponsored executions. For a detailed analysis and refutation of the Leuchter Report, see veritas.nizkor.org/faqs/leuchter/.

The first electric chair, which was used to execute William Kemmler in 1890

The electric chair was first used in 1890. It was used by more than 25 states throughout the 20th century, acquiring nicknames such as Sizzlin' Sally, Old Smokey, Old Sparky, Yellow Mama, and Gruesome Gertie. To be put to death in an electric chair is colloquially known as "riding the lightning." In the late 20th century, the electric chair was removed as a form of execution in many U.S. states, and its use in the 21st century is very infrequent.



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Introducing Harmony Farms Café… The Café is located in what used to be the old Northwood restaurant, about 6 km south of Kinmount on County Rd 121.

People visiting will be pleasantly surprised by the decor, which sports a fresh coat of neutral paint overall. It is minimalist in concept, but there are brightly coloured squares on one wall, and the tables and chairs in the dining room convey a casual elegance. Off the dining area there is a cozy looking nook containing comfy chairs and a sofa, which are just right for a morning read of the paper over a cup of java.

Chances are when you visit you will be greeted at the door by owners Sara Bornstein and her partner in life and business, Kevin Brandt.

The couple have lived in the area for three years now. How they came to be here is quite a story. "We moved up three years ago," Sara begins. "I'm from Toronto and Kevin is from Stratford originally. I was seven months pregnant when we moved, and Mackenzie is now in her forth year. We're both chefs and I specialized in catering. Kevin was in the restaurant business."

Kevin explains, "My last location was Xacutti, on College St. in Toronto - it was Canadian/East Indian cuisine. Xacutti quickly improved since its opening with the sterling addition of Kevin Brandt. It wasn't long though before the couple found Toronto to be a little crazy for their lifestyle. "Working, paying a mortgage on a downtown house, a new baby on the way, it was becoming insane in Toronto. Who needs that kind of stress? Muskoka was too expensive and built up – so here we are in Kinmount."

Sara should know something of Muskoka as she was Goldie Hawn's personal cook when she and Kurt Russell had a cottage there. Goldie is quoted as saying about Sara 'Simply a fabulous cook. Her food is clean, beautifully prepared, presented, and delicious.'

But back to Sara and Kevin's story. They came up here every weekend looking, until they finally found a house that suited them. "The house we bought belonged to the playwright George Walker. While he was in the house he wrote the series *This is Wonderland.* His wife the artist Susan Purdy spent almost as much time here as he did," says Kevin.

"Our original plan was to open a B and B artist-type retreat, but that didn't work, so we decided to do what we know, which is food," Sara states. "We started at the Farmers Market in Kinmount selling fresh baked breads, cakes, sweets and treats. The next year we opened up a shop on our property up the 9th Concession. We offered a full line of frozen foods such as Moroccan wild leek and lentil soup, smoked chicken pot pie and chicken tagine, which is a Moroccan stew." That was then...

"Now what's new is this café location, and the gift items in the

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Harmony Farm Café : Gourmet Shop Catering and Cooking School

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café." It was the old Northwood says Kevin, and for a time they considered calling it Definitely Not the Northwood. He laughs, "It really needed a general clean-up and some TLC, but now it's a great space for what we need to do. We brought in a lot of our own kitchen equipment, because there wasn't much here to begin with."

So now let's explore the various facets and goodies of Harmony Farm.

The Café

Officially opening for the café is on the May 24 long weekend. The everyday menu includes a breakfast of two eggs, any style, with bacon or sausage, home fries and toast for $5.95; a Harmony Farm Hamburger, with optional old cheddar cheese or bacon, a Southern Pulled Pork Sandwich, Croque Monsieur, Two Duck Spring Rolls, and a Composed Salad of the day, among many other delectable items. Everything is under $10. In addition there will be 5 daily specials which will change regularly, with fresh items served whenever possible. There are side dishes like shoestring fries, bagels and cream cheese, and smoked ham hock and baked beans. There are fruit drinks, and specialty coffees, for the discerning pallet. There's to be a brunch menu every weekend, and there'll be Bistro Nights, featuring fabulous, 3 course meals. These nights will be a little bit more upscale than coming in for a burger.

The Gourmet Shop

Located in its own space within the café the Gourmet Shop will feature fresh vegetables in season, like locally grown Shitake mushrooms from Bow Creek Farms, and ready for the BBQ pre-marinated steaks, chicken and brochettes. There will be wonderful soups, and things like beef and Guinness stew, tortiere, and chicken curry. Hors d'oeuvres include duck spring rolls, baked brie, Asian dumplings and sausage rolls. Then there's the dessert to take home, like white chocolate and cranberry phyllo bundles, crumbles, and seasonal pies. Shelves in the gourmet area showcase gift items for sale like sweet chile sticky sauce, piri piri, peach chutney, cranberry onion jam, and an orange Teriyaki glaze and....I could go on and on,

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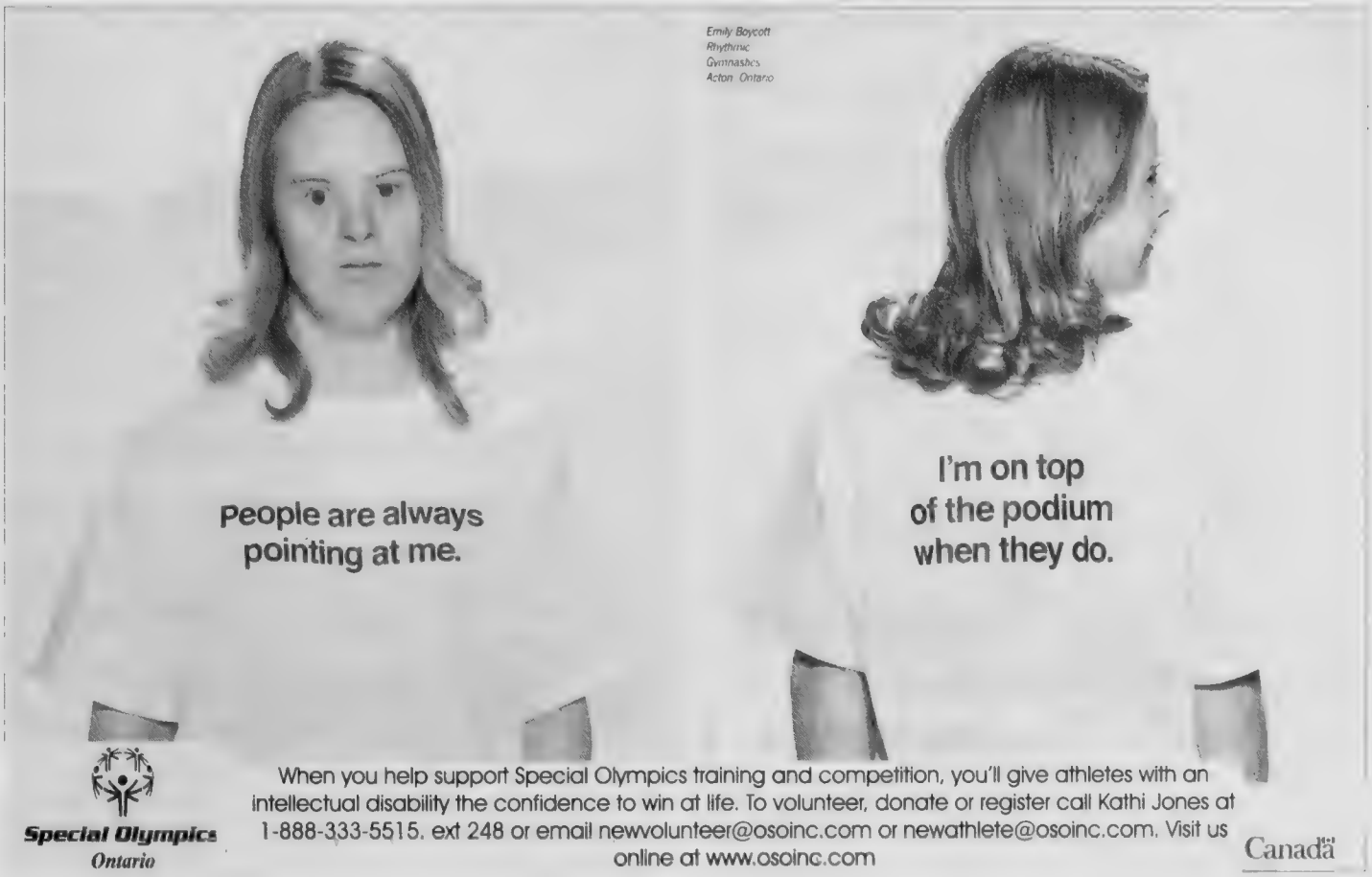

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but you get the idea. It's all pretty scrumptious, and my mouth's watering just writing about it.

Catering

Much of what is found in the gourmet shop can also be bought to you at the location of your choice. You can custom- order your own dinners or meals for parties, and wedding banquets. "We don't have set menus, we tailor the menu to the requirements of the client," says Sara. Discuss your party ideas with Kevin or Sara and you're sure to come up with a unique occasion.

Cooking Classes

There's really too much involved with these classes to talk about here. It's best if you go to the web site if you're interested, but briefly, classes cover French Moroccan cuisine, cottage cooking, Asian BBQ and an Indian infusion feast, and much more.

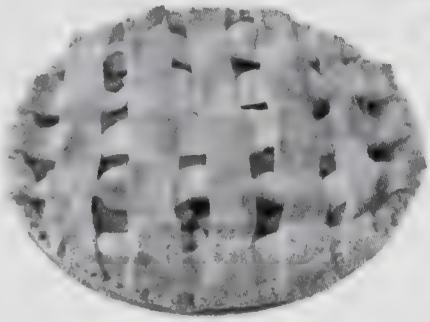
OK, OK enough already, I've got to go and eat something. Take your mate to the movies in Kinmount by all means, but first do yourselves a favour and have a meal at the Harmony Farm Café and Gourmet Shop, which is located at 3290 County Rd 121. You can phone them at (705) 488-3300, and (705) 448-1749. To find out more, go to the web site www.harmonyfarm.ca.

Baker's Secret

Tips for those who love to bake

Fast Fillings...To speed up the process when baking fruit pies, such as apple or peach, try this. Slice your fruit into a strong plastic shopping bag first. Then, add the filling ingredients and give the bag a good shake. Now you can simply add it to your pie.

Juice Spills...To prevent juice spills when baking pies, cut several 3-inch lengths of macaroni and poke them into the pie crust before placing in the oven. Heated juices will rise up into the hollow macaroni, instead of spilling over and messing your oven.



Sticky Meringue...Prevent meringue from cing to the nife by adding a pinch of cream of tartar to the egg whites when beating them.

Why do ships carry cargoes and cars carry shipments?

Ghost Stories
Scary Tales

The following is a fun little column for those who like ghost stories... Whether these are true or not we don't know, but they are stories told by those who believe they saw real ghosts!! If anything, they do make for interesting little stories... enjoy...

Sissinghurst Castle

There are a number of ghosts said to haunt Sissinghurst castle, some of which appear to stem from the time of Queen Mary's reign when the evil Sir John Baker resided in the castle. Sir John was renowned for the execution of hundreds of Protestants, hence he came to be known as 'Bloody Baker'.

Allegedly, two women once hid under the main staircase of the castle to escape their execution. At this time, Sir John and his servant were carrying a freshly murdered woman through the castle when her hand suddenly caught in the banisters. Baker had no time for such inconveniences, and cut the hand off the body to free it. The hand fell into one of the hiding woman's laps.

In more recent times, Lady Nicholson, who was responsible for the restoration of the castle, had a dog that would not pass the place where this event supposedly took place without whimpering and rising its hackles.

Other paranormal events linked with Sissinghurst include a ghostly monk who frequently wanders the gardens and the sound of clicking and footsteps apparently coming from thin air.

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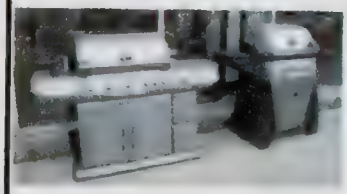

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Brigitte Gall: Answers Our First Celebrity Questionaire

By George Farrell

This is a new column and format for the Communicator, where a local celebrity from any discipline such as arts commerce or industry, answers quick, fun, fact-finding questions that will sometimes be off-the-wall.

Brigitte Gall is an award winning actor/writer/producer/comedienne, and Haliburton County resident. She is well know locally for her comedic monologues on county life, and is known more widely for her unique Renovation/Design television show *"Me, My House and I,"* the series *"The Worlds greatest Spas"* (the W Network, Discovery Chanel USA/Latin America, and airing in 85 other countries), and for her Gemini Award winning performance in the CTV television special *"Joan of Montreal."*

Brigitte recently was the host of the first Arts Honours Gala, and the Communicator caught up with the busy woman with the new bump, at the Gravity Coffee House in Minden.

Who would you cast as yourself in a movie based on your life?
Jean Smart from "*Designing Women*" and "*Frasier.*" She's such a mouthy broad.

What are the words that you live by every day?
Do something that scares you every day. You don't want to become numb to your life.

What's your biggest pet peeve?
Stupid commercials with stupid women. No woman I know are that happy to clean a house. I can't stand that Swiffer lady.

Your greatest fear?
To become boring.

How do you unwind?
At the cottage. A campfire, burnt hot dogs, and a glass of wine.

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his desk drawer is gone
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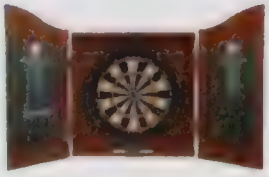

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Talking With Brigette Gall

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Who are some of your favourites in the arts?
Abbot and Costello, and people who can play music.
What do you listen to music- wise?
YoYo Ma, classical. When I'm getting ready for a performance it's something like the sound track from the Matrix.
Who in life has inspired you the most?
The comedienne Sandra Shamas
What's the worst job you ever had?
When I had to paint a railway car for College Pro Painters. It's a tie with being a tele-marketer.
What was your biggest break professionally?
The 1 hour CBC comedy special "*Comics.*"
What was your biggest thrill meeting a celebrity?
Richard Gere. We both ended up at a birthday party playing two separate pianos together.
What's your most annoying habit?
Cleaning up after people. My friends call me "fastidious girl." I like a clean space.
Your biggest extravagance?
My truck, a 2005 Toyota Tacoma.
What's your idea of perfect happiness?
Lots of great food.
Which living person do you most admire?
Tammy Rea. She always manages to keep herself on track.
Which living person do you dislike the most?
George W. Bush.
What's the last book you read?
"A Short Treatise on the Great Virtues," by Andre Comte-Sponville, a French psychologist.
Who are your favourite writers?
Steinbeck, Margaret Lawrence, and Bill Bryson, a tongue-in-cheek British humourist.
What talent would you like to have?
The ability to negotiate
Who is the love of your life?
He or she isn't born yet.
What are your favourite names?
Right now Clementine and Sydney.
How will you mix show biz with motherhood?
It'll all become part of the act. (laughs)
What's your biggest regret?
Not negotiating better for myself.
If you were to be reincarnated, what would it be as?
An albatross. It's a sea-bird with a huge wingspan, that can stay aloft for long periods of time.
Any tats or piercing?
(laughs) I had my nose done when I was 18, before it was fashionable, but I had to take it out when I worked for Swiss Chalet.
What would be the one thing that you recommend to the women of Haliburton County?
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Nevada:

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In Eureka, men who wear moustaches are forbidden from kiss-ing women.

Everyone walking on the streets of Elko is required to wear a mask.

New Jersey:

It is against the law to "frown" at a police officer.

In Newark, it is illegal to sell ice cream after 6pm, unless the customer has a note from his doctor.

It is illegal to slurp soup.

In Trenton, it is illegal to throw a bad pickle in the street.

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Cole Bartiromo, 18, of Mission Viejo, Calif. After making over $1 million in the stock market, the feds made Bartiromo pay it all back: he gained his profits, they said, using fraud. Bartiromo played baseball at school, but after his fraud case broke he was no longer allowed to participate in extracurricular sports. Bartiromo clearly learned a lot while sitting in federal court: he wrote and filed his own lawsuit against his high school, reasoning that he had planned on a pro baseball career but, because he was kicked off the school's team, pro scouts wouldn't be able to discover him. His suit demands the school reimburse him for the great salary he would have made in the majors, which he figures is $50 million.

Elva Bates Guest Speaker at Geneology Meeting

The next meeting of the Haliburton Highlands Genealogy Group will be held Wednesday, June 13, in the Common Room of the Minden Hills Cultural Centre, doors open at 6pm, speaker at 7pm. The speaker will be life-long resident of Haliburton County, Elva Bates, who will be talking about and giving an overview of her soon-to-be-published history of Glamorgan Township "A Journey Through Glamorgan's Past" and the companion novel "Destination: Gooderham".

Elva is a past Clerk-Treasurer of the Township of Glamorgan, a past Reeve and a past Warden of Haliburton County. She is currently Chair of the Gooderham Community Action Group.

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Fraudulent Conveyance

If you owe a good deal of money, I am sorry to say that you can't hide from your creditors by transferring your home out of your name. Here is a true story. In 1992, the wife was injured in a car accident when the husband was driving. The car insurer made statutory no fault benefit payments to her. However, when the insurer learned that the worker's compensation board had also commenced payments to the wife, it made a demand for partial reimbursement because she was getting double the payments for the same accident. Two years later in 1994, the insurer commenced an action against the wife for the partial reimbursement, later obtained a judgment but could not collect on it. While the lawsuit was going on, the wife transferred her share of the matrimonial home to her husband. The deed said that it was transferred for natural love and affection and the sum of $2.00. No purchase money was paid to the wife by the husband for the conveyance.

The insurer found out and started another lawsuit under the *Fraudulent Conveyance Act*. This Act provides that any conveyance of property made with the intent to defeat, hinder, delay, or defraud creditors is void against those creditors. The husband claimed that the conveyance had been made with the intent of facilitating the sale of the home because the wife was starting to spend long periods of time living overseas. The home was sold to an arms-length third party in 1999 for fair market value and the husband later gave the wife half the proceeds from the sale.

The court did not accept that the home was transferred so that the husband could deal with a sale more readily in his wife's absence. The cheque for one-half of the net proceeds of the sale to the wife demonstrated that the husband had never ceased to acknowledge his wife's interest in the property. The court held that the conveyance of the home to the husband was void since the husband had aided his wife in sheltering from the car insurer her most visible asset. The insurer now couldn't collect from the wife because she was long gone overseas. So, the court granted a tracing order, meaning the insurer could now collect against the assets of the husband to an amount equal to his half of the proceeds from the sale because he was involved in the nefarious conveyance.

In the next column, I will be talking about tavern drinking.

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Music Notes by Greg. J. Roe

A Look At Music's History

It's Everywhere.....

Readers of this column may have noticed that the title includes the statement, ' A Brief Look at Music's History'. It will be up to those readers to decide whether this column meets that description; however, when Ian Tyson described the wind in the pines as 'nature's violins', I believe he tapped into a music history that transcends time, (not to mention creating a dynamite image). Tyson was observing that music is everywhere, you just have to listen. This is never more true than in Spring.

The robin's song is legendary and the spring warblers add a fabulous back up vocal. It is the kind of music that makes you stop when on a walk, to look and listen. If you need a rhythm section, a flushed partridge will do the job, or if you have been lucky enough to walk an ocean's shore, you'll know that the pounding surf is the perfect timpani section to the song of the seabirds.

We are fortunate to live where we do, in Haliburton County, where Nature's song is everywhere. The loon at the lakeside has a quality that is both mystical and truly Canadian and the cacophony of the spring peepers is a short lived, landmark of a sound. For me, there is no more soothing a memory than sleeping, as a boy, in the second story of a boathouse on Canning Lake. The lapping of the lake in the slip below and the eerie call of the whip-poor-will are forever etched in my mind. Regrettably, I have not heard the whip-poor-will's cry in some years.

There is truly something in Spring that is musical, mystical and regenerating. What else would drive one to write a column like this!? So the next time those storm clouds gather, turn of the radio, TV and the ipod, settle into a comfortable chair, and 'listen to the rhythm of falling rain'. Next column, James Brown and the musical influence of the Augusta ghetto and Georgia swamps.

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The book this year? Lullabies for Criminals, by Heather O'Neill.
The time limit? June 30

Friends of the Haliburton County Library have purchased 8 books – one for each library in the county and they, along with signup sheets, will be placed in the library soon.

The Challenge sign up sheet will be placed in every library in the county to record signatures of residents who have read the book. Check your library website for branch hours. www.haliburton.canlib.ca

Anyone who has read the book may sign the Challenge sheet. They may have read the book at any time since it was published.

Readers of the book do not have to borrow the book from the library: they may use private copies to read and so add their name to the count.

The period of the challenge is from April 10 to June 30.

Friends of the Library will be contacting local book clubs to help us meet the challenge.

Haliburton County has been registered and we are hoping to win the newly provided trophy.

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bird flew out. Inspectors found four endangered birds and 50 protected orchids. "Do you have anything else you should tell us about?" they asked Cusack, 45. "Yes," he replied, "I've got monkeys in my pants."
They found two pigmy monkeys "in a little pouch in his pants," said a special agent for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. "This was the only time where somebody's stuck monkeys down his pants."

THE BUTT OF THE JOKE: Emmanuel Nieves, 23, and his friend Erik Saporito, 21, were having an argument, say police in Mansfield Township, N.J. At issue: which of them had more hair on his buttocks. Witnesses say it escalated until an enraged Nieves got a knife and slashed Saporito in the face. Nieves has been charged with aggravated assault, terroristic threats, weapons offenses, and criminal mischief. ...OK, so now we need to know: which one is Beavis and which one is Butthead?

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Taking Stock at the Fish Hatchery

George Farrell

With a whop whop whap whop the helicopter descended out of a clear blue morning sky and landed neatly at the Fish Hatchery. It was the sign for the volunteers and staff to get ready to start off-loading young Rainbow Trout from holding tanks, which were located on the back of pickup trucks. Through a connecting tube the trout were transferred into a smaller series of individual tanks sandwiched inside the chopper. It was all very neatly done, with a minimum of fuss, and it was not long before the chopper was ascending into the brilliant blue, with a load of trout The destination was one of a number of Haliburton lakes that the hatchery stocks, and the chopper would be making several such trips this day to deliver young fish to their final living quarters.

Any hope I had of lifting aloft myself to secure digital images of the piscine lake-delivery was quickly squashed, as there was only enough space in the chopper for the pilot, a navigator who also doubled as a fish release person, and the holding tanks, which filled the body of the chopper. Not to worry, I could get all the information I needed from Keith Hodgson, who is president to the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association (HHOA), the not-for profit organization under whose umbrella the Fish Hatchery operates. Keith pointed out the objectives of the Haliburton Fish Hatchery, which are: to preserve, culture and develop the Haliburton lake trout strain; to increase public awareness of natural resource management; to promote community involvement in sustaining local fisheries; to give local secondary school students the venue, experience, and enjoyment of "hands-on" environment project including scientifically recognized monitoring and inventory procedures; and to promote the restoration of local lake trout stocks; in particular, the genetically unique strain of "Haliburton Gold".

"We're stocking 6 days in total this spring," Keith continues, and this is the last day. "We're stocking lake trout and rainbow trout, and we work closely with the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) to put them into the lakes that we choose. The Rainbow Trout are yearling fish which are delivered to us as fry, and we rear them for a year in our outdoor pond. They go out of here as 6-8 inch fish weighing on average 65 grams.

The Fish Hatchery also raises Lake Trout which are reared completely indoors from eggs. These trout are released by the

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"Like the Golden Lake Trout which a few years ago were discovered to be unique to a few lakes in our county, the Bancroft area has discovered through DNA testing, that they too have a unique strain which they call the Crystal Lake Platinum Lake Trout."

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MNR into specific study lakes, as part of the Haliburton Lake Trout Project. Lakers are released when they are 16 months old.

In total the HHOA in co-operation with the MNR is putting 6,300 Lake trout into 15 lakes and 16,900 Rainbow Trout into 10 lakes. All those fish were raised at the Fish Hatchery "We've found that trout adapt better, and survive longer in lakes from which the strain originates. Even though we always suspected this, scientific study over the last 10 years has confirmed it. Most of the fish we raise here go into our own lakes, but we've also raised fish for the Bracebridge district MNR, and for the last 5 years we've been raising fish for the Bancroft area," says Keith."

"This year," he explains, the lake trout we're raising are mainly Haliburton's own Golden Lake Trout, and we're also raising a strain for Bancroft. They're building their own hatchery, and we're helping them to get going by raising some young lakers from their own lakes, so that they'll have some fish when they're ready to open. It gives them a head start". Like the Golden Lake Trout which a few years ago were discovered to be unique to a few lakes in our county, the Bancroft area has discovered through DNA testing, that they too have a unique strain which they call the Crystal Lake Platinum Lake Trout.

What I didn't know is that another new strain of Lake Trout has been discovered in Haliburton County. "They're a Silver Lake Trout and are indigenous to Kingscote Lake in Algonquin Park," confides Keith, "and we've introduced those silver lakers into Percy Lake. We hope they'll reproduce there, as Percy is of a similar size to Kingscote, and has similar water characteristics."

Unlike the rainbow trout which are very often stocked by helicopter nowadays, lake trout are usually

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Fish Stocking

stocked by trucks equipped with special holding tanks with oxygen-rich water. From the tanks they are taken by boat to the middle of the lake and released. "By releasing them in the middle of the lake," Keith explains, "they have a better chance to avoid predators like loons and other fish, because they can go deep."

But it's the loading of rainbow trout prior to their release that I'm here to see today, and Keith Hodgson continues my education regarding the process. "Why we're stocking right now, the first week in May, is because the surface lake temperatures and our own tank temperatures are very close, about 52 degrees Fahrenheit, so that when we release them the fish will not suffer shock from a big difference in water temperature."

I had visions of the fish being released from the chopper from quite a height. Such used to be the case in former days when fish were dropped from several hundred feet, into smaller lakes where planes couldn't land. No more, according to Keith, who assured me that nowadays they use choppers, which can hover about a metre above the surface to release fish. This of course insures that injuries to the fish are kept at a minimum.

MNR Stocking

David Flowers a Fisheries Biologist and MNR co-ordinator for the hatchery informed me that the MNR will also be stocking additional lakes with fish not raised at the hatchery. They include 30,000 Brook trout, 16,000 Splake, (a cross between a Brook Trout and a Lake Trout), and 1000 Brown Trout. The MNR also stocks rivers. They will be stocking 1000 Brook Trout in the Burnt River at Richie Falls, and 1000 Browns, split between Scotts Dam, Devils Gap in Gooderham, and Furnace Falls.

The Haliburton Highlands Outdoor Association

The Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association (HHOA) was founded in 1992. Today, the HHOA has 370 members. The membership is a diverse group of permanent and seasonal residents of the Haliburton Highlands who come from across the Province of Ontario and the United States. This dynamic group of people is committed to the sustainable management of natural resources. Their goals include: promoting the outdoor sports of hunting and fishing; working toward improving wildlife and fish habitat in cooperation with the MNR, with private landowners; and educating its members and the public about game and fish management and on the wise use and on the wide use and management of our natural resources

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Fish Hatchery Has Lots Coming Up This Year...

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Coming Events

The HHOA which runs the hatchery also has it's offices there. The HHOA is a very active organization and puts on events, some of which take place at the hatchery, and some which don't. Some coming events are:

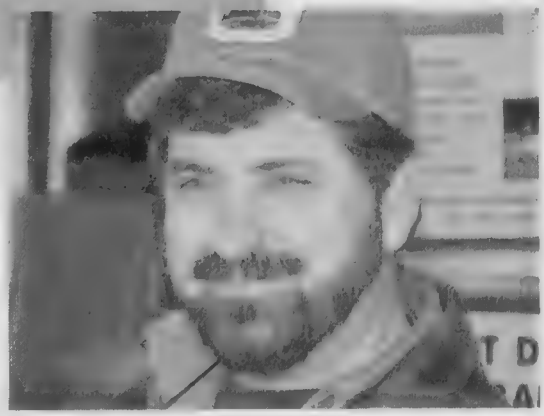
Annual Woody Wood Spring Fish Derby - This year's spring fish derby will take place on June 10, 2007, at Kennisis Lake. The entrance fee is $20 per adult and categories may include lake trout and rainbow trout (to be finalized upon lake designation). Registration will take place from 7:30 am to 10:00 am, and all participants must register prior to fishing. Please keep watching for further details. All anglers must have an outdoor card, and all MNR Fishing Regulations apply. For further details, please contact Rob Fraser at 705-286-5121 or the hatchery.

OFAH Haliburton Lake Trout Conservation Dinner and Auction – Friday July 6, 2007 at the Delta Pinestone. Ticket availability and cost to be determined. Please keep watching for further details.

HHOA Pickerel Fry – Sunday August 12, 2007 between 4 and 7pm. First come first served, so plan to come early. Details will be updated as they are finalized, however feel free to contact the hatchery for questions/ answers.

For the first time this year there will be a Spaghetti Dinner and Loonie Auction – Coming this fall, the HHOA will be hosting a Spaghetti Dinner and Loonie Auction. Stay tuned for more information.

The HHOA also puts on FREE TOURS at the hatchery, so if you want to see all the various stages of development of the fish, and other exhibits, be sure to give them a call. The tours are run from MON. - SAT. 10AM - 4PM.



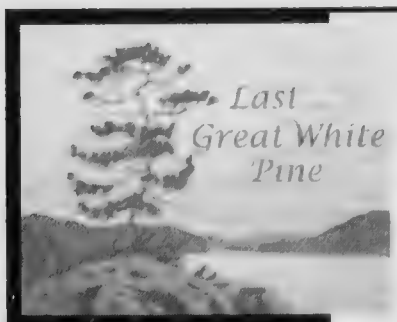
Anybody wanting the full list of local lakes and rivers which have been stocked by the MNR, and the Fish Hatchery, can call the hatchery at (705) 286-9664. The HHOA and the Fish Hatchery are located at 6712 Gelert Rd, just outside Haliburton village.

The HHOA and the Fish Hatchery are really exciting components of our unique culture, so if you're looking to get involved with some volunteer work, give them a call, they'd love to hear from you.

For more details on the HHOA and the Fish Hatchery visit their website @ www.hhoa.on.ca/

Pictured with story starting at the beginning:
The chopper is pictured landing at the Hatchery. They then transerred the troup into the chopper from the tanks through the tube. The tanks that are in the chopper are pictured close up. Lastly above is the chopper winging its way to a lake near you.

Pictured above is David Flowers, fish biologist at the MNR.



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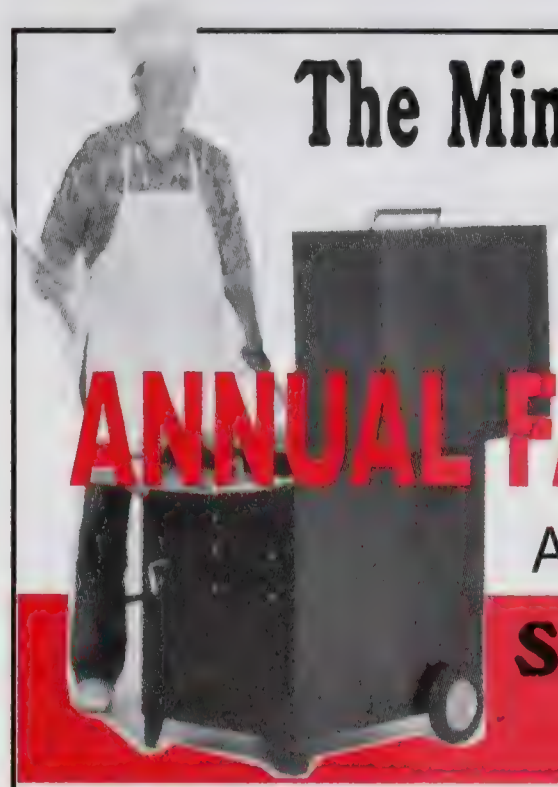

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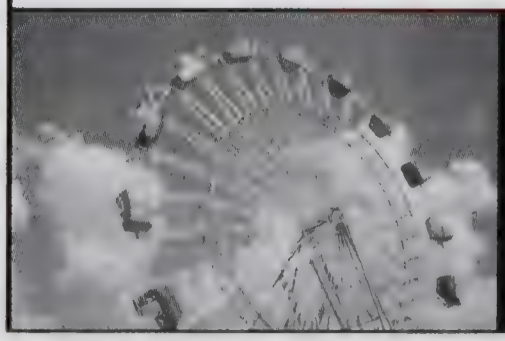

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Crime Flashback

by Max Haines

Holding Out On Marriage Did Little Good

Holding out until marriage did victim little good

Remember when it was the rule for girls to hold out for marriage?

Many a young lad was led to the altar, not for the sterling qualities of the bride, but for the promise of forbidden fruit. Sometimes, the fruit turned decidedly sour.

In Carlyle Harris' case, everything went wrong.

Carlyle was a promising medical student at Columbia's College of Physicians and Surgeons when he met lovely teenager Helen Potts.

In 1888, class distinction was much more important than it is today. Carlyle came from a wealthy, staid family. His mother was a wheel in socially prominent charities in New York, while granddaddy was a professor of medicine.

Helen was the progeny of God-fearing working folk. They weren't prominent at all. On the asset side of the ledger, Helen was a rare beauty with a figure to match. From the moment he met her, Carlyle pursued her with a singleness of purpose.

Can we be blunt here? Carlyle's main purpose was to get winsome Helen into bed, not to minister to her medical needs, but to partake of her obvious sexual charms.

There was a conflict of interest. Helen admitted that the entire idea held a certain allure for her, but no, definitely no.

She wasn't that kind of girl. Marriage first, sex second. It drove Carlyle up the wall.

For more than a year he coaxed Helen; he cajoled her; he begged her, but it was no use.

About a year-and-a-half of frustration was endured by Carlyle before he got his great idea — a secret marriage.

Carlyle explained his family would never approve of the marriage. Since they were financing his medical studies, it would not be proper for him to expect them to support a wife as well.

Soon, he would receive his medical degree and then they could announce to the world that they were man and wife. Despite Helen's humble beginnings, his family would love her once they got to know her. Helen fell for it.

Carlyle had only one thing in mind. He hustled Helen down to City Hall. Using the bogus name Charles Harris, he married Helen on Feb. 8, 1890.

Then, Carlyle did two things. He whipped Helen down to a sleazy hotel, where his lengthy campaign terminated in her unconditional surrender. After this was accomplished, he informed Helen's mother she had a new son-in-law.

Mama Potts thought it admirable that Carlyle didn't want to burden his family financially. She agreed that the marriage should be kept secret.

It wasn't too many months before Helen informed Carlyle that, due to a lunar miscalculation, she was pregnant. All bets were off. It was time to inform his parents of their marriage. Carlyle argued that they would never understand.

There was another way out. As an almost doctor, he could safely perform an abortion. Once again, Helen fell for Carlyle's reasoning.

Unfortunately, Carlyle messed up. Helen became ill after the abortion attempt and was sent to the country for the summer. She gave birth to a stillborn child.

Helen returned to her husband. Again, she and her mother thought that it was time to go public with the secret marriage.

Carlyle had other ideas. He would be a doctor in less than a year. Why not enrol Helen in a finishing school? This way they would reveal their marriage after his graduation and after Helen had smoothed away any rough edges.

He knew just the place — the Comstock Select Boarding School for Young Ladies, an ultra-respectable establishment run by the ultra-respectable Miss Lydia Day. Reluctantly, Mama Potts agreed and Helen moved into the school.

Carlyle prescribed pills for Helen's migraine headaches. A pharmacist at McIntyre and Sons of Sixth Ave. made up six capsules, each containing four and one sixth grains of quinine and one sixth grain of morphine.

Carlyle gave Helen four capsules. She took one, but complained to Carlyle that it didn't help. He told her to take the remaining three over the following three days. In due course, Helen took the pills, one at a time.

After taking the last pill, Helen didn't feel well at all. In the middle of the night, Helen's groans woke up the girls.

Several gathered around her bed. Helen complained that she was having difficulty breathing. She grew worse and said she thought she was dying. Absently, she said to no one in particular, "Do you think that the medicine Carlyle gave me could do me any harm?"

The girls fetched Miss Day. By this time, Helen was unconscious. Miss Day called in Dr. E. P. Fowler, who noted Helen's pupils had narrowed to the size of pinheads, an indication of morphine poisoning.

The doctor desperately attempted to save Helen's life. He searched Helen's belongings, looking for a clue as to what she had taken. He found a pillbox from McIntyre's Pharmacy with the inscription, 'For C.W.H."

The doctor asked Miss Day the identity of C.W.H. Unhesitatingly, she replied: "I think the initials must stand for Mr. Carlyle Harris. He's Helen's friend. He is also a medical student."

Dr. Fowler called in Carlyle, who told him the pills were one sixth morphine and the rest quinine. Carlyle then asked an

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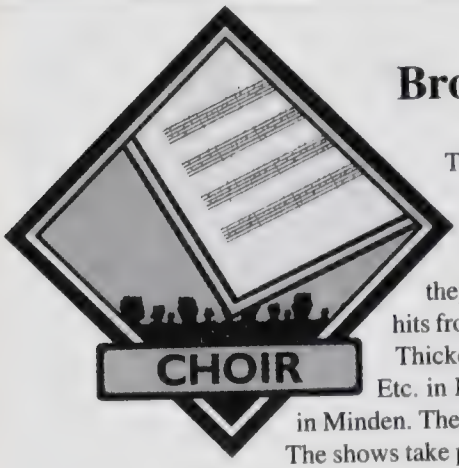

Broadway Blast

The Northern Lights Pavillion will be filled with the sounds of the Haliburton Messiah Choire on May 26 and 27 as they present Broadway Blast – hits from various broadway shows. Thickets are available at Kitchens Etc. in Haliburton and PharmaSave in Minden. They are $15 per person.

The shows take place on Saturday May 26 at 7:30 p.m., and an afternoon show on Sunday May 27 at 3 p.m. Get your tickets soon – they could sell out.

Scientifically Speaking

What When Where Why How

What makes popcorn pop?

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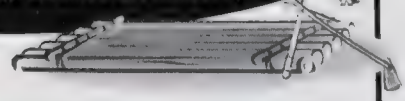
Crazy Rafting Challenge

The Minden Hills Fire Dept challenges all residents, cottagers, businesses and Service Clubs to build their most creative raft for the July 1st Minden Crazy Raft Race down the Gull river! (Rotary Park to downtown Minden)



This Canada Day event has become a great boost for the Haliburton Highlands calendar and a popular magnet for tourists and residents alike.

Does your cottage or home suffer from bored teen syndrome!

There is no better outlet for youthful creativity than Crazy Raft building. The Minden Canada Day Committee has been working hard all winter to ensure the Crazy Raft Race and all the other exciting Canada Day events are a fun outing for everyone.

Downtown Minden will be "ground zero" for fun on July 1st. Look for more details in upcoming editions, or at Minden's website www.minden.on.ca

There is no entry fee for the Crazy Raft Race.

Life jackets must be worn. Children under 16 must be accompanied on their raft by an adult. Entrants under 18 must have a waiver signed by a parent or guardian.

Forms can be obtained at the Township offices, on the website www.minden.on.ca (events), or at the race start on July 1st (Rotary Park across from Kawartha Dairy) from 11 a.m. - noon (12:30 start) Prizes will be awarded to the Most Creative Raft, Best Costumes, Most Enthusiastic Crew, and first to finish. All rafts must be substantially home made. Anyone needing advice or information can contact Race Director Bill Chadwick at 905-853-0955 or bill.chadwick@sympatico.ca

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uncharacteristic question for a man whose beloved was near death. He inquired, "Doctor, do you think I could be held responsible?"

Fowler ignored the question and told Carlyle to go down to McIntyre's Pharmacy and find out if they had made some kind of mistake in filling the prescription. It was later learned that Carlyle walked the streets instead of going to the pharmacy. When he returned, he told Fowler that there had been no mistake.

Four hours later, Helen Potts Harris died. Initially, there was no suspicion of foul play. Dr. Fowler believed that either the pharmacy had made an error or that Helen had misunderstood Carlyle's instructions and had taken all four capsules at once. Either way, she had died of morphine poisoning.

A few weeks passed before a nosy reporter, Ike White, of the old New York World, called on Mrs. Potts. For the first time, Helen's mother broke down and told someone of her daughter's tragic past — the secret marriage, the botched abortion, the whole sordid story. She ended her narrative by telling White she thought Carlyle had killed her daughter.

White wrote his story. It caused a sensation and resulted in Helen's body being exhumed on March 25, 1891. Five days later, Carlyle was indicted for the murder of his wife.

At Carlyle's trial, Dr. Rudolph Witthaus, a prominent toxicologist, testified that he found enough morphine in Helen's body to kill her.

Prosecution attorneys contended that Carlyle had inserted one pure morphine capsule among the four he had given to Helen.

Defense lawyers argued that if Carlyle had knowingly poisoned his wife, he had no reason to give her four capsules. One loaded with morphine would have been sufficient. Carlyle said he had held two capsules back so that Helen could not take too many capsules at one time.

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Arts Council-Haliburton Highlands - First Annual Honours Gala

Our roving reporters were there... here's what they saw...

By Lea Harper & George Farrell

Well, the Communicator was well represented at the First Annual Gala Arts Awards – and both our roving reporters have collaborated to give you their takes on the evening's events, the people, the happenings, and a play by play of what they both saw... All I can say is that after reading this, I'm really sorry I had to miss this... I'm definitely going next yeat!!!

Gossip From Behind The Lens

By George Farrell

I am a member of the Highlands Media Arts group, and as part of our mandate, we work on community-based projects. We were asked by the Arts Council-Haliburton Highlands to video tape its very first Honours Gala, which took place at the Haliburton Curling Club on May 4th . I was camera-person for the evening.

I got there early to set up, and wonder of wonders, discovered that the best place to capture the activities was right next to the bar. Not only was the location the best one for covering the event, it also guaranteed that even though I was stationary and not mingling, everyone who wanted liquid refreshment of an alcoholic nature or otherwise, would come by me on the way to the bar. This proved to be great boon, because I could do my job as well as talk to some people, who I would otherwise not have had the opportunity to engage with. My primary function however was to record the event, and as such I had to stay focused. So my observations of the evening were mainly through the lens.

Cedric Butz

Jim Blake

After the mystery of a missing tape was solved, the evening began with a gaggle of black leotarded dancers gyrating and gesticulating in front of a by-then full house of seated personages, all somewhat overheated in the surrounds of the elegant, but too- small- for -the- crowd venue. My program told me that the dancers were the Heritage Ballet Dance Troupe, all young women by the look of it, and I see that the vanLieshouts were well represented within its core. I mainly remember the blur of black through my lens, though I was beginning to also notice a distinct red cast to the images, the source being a red-gelled stage light that was confusing the camera colour sensors.

I panned through the crowd, and there before me was the cream of our Haliburton crop of artists, administrators, facilitators and committee members. Carole Moffatt was looking bodacious in a low cut thingy, that certainly diverted the attention, and it was great to see and receive a big hug from Lindsay Elder, late of Trails and Tours. Her significant-other Paul was there also, looking disgustingly healthy. It was great to see him again too, and we shared some conversation and a drink

Architect par excellence Hugh Taylor, a long time friend from our halcyon university days came over, and we ogled for a bit, casting a pair of slinky eyes at what we both believed was a dominatrix, such was the nature of her costume. Was that a studded dog collar she was wearing? At this point I must say that all of the women, and most of the men, were resplendent in the extreme, and I cast an envious eye at Jim Blake's outrageous waistcoat. Fellow word-smith Stephen Patrick, a Communicator feature writer, and Rails End Gallery President, came over for a chat, and of course Lea Harper and I were collaborating on writing up the evenings activities; she was busy too taking shots of the event.

There were some worthy nominees and recipients of the various prizes, but I will leave that up to Lea to expand upon. I must say it was good to see Barb Bolin recognized for all the incredible work she has done, and continues to do artistically, in the community. Likewise for Carole Finn whose vision has become our art's reality. Lots of luck with your new gallery Carole. The presenters too were in fine fettle with Jim Blake, Jack Brezina, and Michael Fay, all proving remarkably eloquent, and all equally inept at holding a microphone while at the same time reading from the list of nominees, while struggling to open the winners envelope. As a sample of slickness this left something to be desired, but hey it was the very first Arts Council Honours Gala, and as the showingly bumptious and effervescent Brigitte Gall, our master of ceremonies was quick to point out, "we were working out the kinks for next year." Perhaps the only slight downer of the evening was the small address by presenter R.Murray Schafer, who mentioned in some detail that the arts shouldn't play it safe and complacent. The inference being that we in the Highlands had little in the way of cutting-edge going on in the arts. And while I happen to agree with him, he could have said some kinder words for a community that has successfully housed his wilderness operatic pieces. But this is nit picking, and the evening continued to rollick along.

Ryan Dawson

There was more entertainment in the form of Cass Marie Weyrich who gave a folksy performance with voice and guitar of one of her originals. Her CD, Brigitte assured us, was imminent. Later on Bethany Houghton treated all to a moving cello piece with piano accompaniment. At this point, tired of the static camera position on the tripod, and also peeved at the red glow cast over all the subjects, I removed camera from tri-pod and got artistic myself as I took a low-angle on Bethany and the cello. Artistically a good call, but physically a mistake, I was now in a contorted position I more or less had to hold for the duration of Bethany's performance. Thankfully, for me anyway, it was over and I managed to untangle myself without drawing too much attention to my creaking bones. It was the tri-pod from there on in. Not to be outdone in the performance department was an impassioned piece of prose by the dead poet master Ryan Dawson. Apparently, to hear female banter close to camera, he was setting fertile female hearts aflutter. But better than that visually, from my perspective, was seeing Ryan and Cedric Butz putting heads together later in a young mans confab. They

Arts Council Gala: Everyone Was There!!!

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certainly looked like Haliburton's answer to ZZ Top. Last, but certainly not least in my remembrance of performances by our youthful artists, were the dulcet tones emanating from the beauteous Jocelyn Regina. Perversely I wondered what she'd look and sound like in a rock or punk band; can't quite see her doing rap.

The evening was ostensibly of course an opportunity to self-congratulate, and I think a fine job was done in that regard. But let's be honest, we all needed and wanted an opportunity to blow away winter and let ourselves be wantonly carried by the music of Sideshow Bob, the after-ceremonies entertainment. And boy did some people ever cut-up on the dance floor. Who was to know that Laurie Jones from the Rails End gallery was such a wild one. She asked me to boogie and thank heaven I had a built-in excuse, as I had been on my feet all evening. It's not that I didn't want to dance with her, but my preferred, nuanced interpretations would have left my presence on the dance floor superfluous to her performance. Undeterred, she danced on by herself. It was great to see so many people totally enjoying themselves, as yours truly did after my work was done. That rum and coke never tasted so good.

Jack Brezina

Now over to Lea, who had a different perspective....

The Night To Remember:

By Lea Harper

. " ...A hint of thigh, a touch of cleavage. Velvets, satins and sequins. And more suits than you'd see at a funeral...."

Thank you, George. By the time I arrived at the Curling Club, the crowd was settling in for the presentations and it was 'standing room only'. They'd run out of wine glasses at the bar. I imagined myself drinking out of a high heeled shoe. I just knew things were going to get interesting.

Leslie English

Stationed against the wall opposite the stage, I was given full scope of the room. From such a vantage point, I could openly stare at the backs of 150 heads. Of course, behind the lens, George was the undisputed free range voyeur. An enviable position. There were feather boas slung precariously over bare shoulders. A hint of thigh, a touch of cleavage. Velvets, satins and sequins. And more suits than you'd see at a funeral.

The Haliburton Arts Council has once again lived up to its slogan, "You Gotta Have Art", bringing a vast community of artists, administrators and supporters together under one roof to acknowledge the importance of that collective spirit and to honour its own.

The Arts Council's Celebration Committee led by Leslie English, planned and organized the event. Leslie awarded the trophies (made of Terry Craig's blown glass) and introduced the winners. An actor, stage manager, director and producer, Leslie was perfectly at home in her role for the evening. Host and Gemini award-winner Brigitte Gall was charming and audacious. I just want her to know that George and I doing a joint article is about selling papers, not rolling them.

Top recognition went to those who received the most nominations. Any member of the Haliburton Arts Council could cast their vote. Playwright and mentor, Michael Fay, a great supporter of burgeoning artistic expression in the community, presented the award for 'Youth Artist' to Jocelyn Regina. Leslie welcomed Jocelyn to the stage with these words: "As a talented young, performing artist, Jocelyn devotes a significant amount of time to honing her skills as a singer, dancer and musician. She commits almost as much time to sharing her talents with audiences across the county. She is involved in a number of arts disciplines, including voice, teaching, dance, piano and has wowed with her performances at the Highlands Music Festival. Her choreography has been seen in the annual Nutcracker and the Highlands Summer Festival. Jocelyn has always shown herself a leader in dance productions throughout high school and at Dance Arts and other productions in the community. She performed in Dusk dances last summer and this summer will perform the role of Louisa in the Fantasticks . We are lucky to have a young woman with such wonderful talents as a member of our community."

The entertainment was nicely interspersed throughout the evening. "What a set of pipes," gushed Gall after the powerful singer-songwriter

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Cass Marie Weyrich performed a memorable tune.

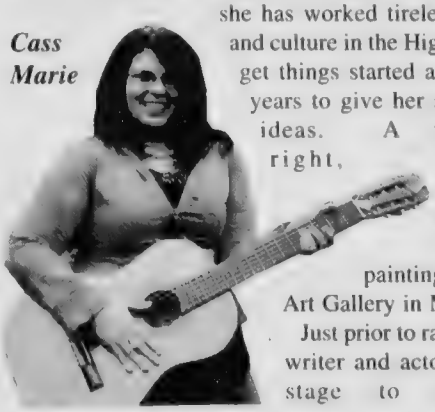
Ryan Dawson came to the fore as top "Emerging Artist". Later in the evening he treated us to his inimical POV with a poetic skit on the lost art of wooing the femme fatale in the aisle of a grocery store.

Barb Bolin

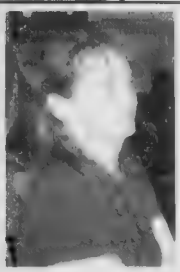
It might be worth mentioning that the praises for the award winners were pieced together from the responses collected from the nominators. This was said of Dawson: "Ryan's fearless forays into the world of writing and performance remind us that art is alive and well in Canada. His scope of artistic endeavours is astonishing, encompassing music, drama, spoken word, creative writing and performance; creating and producing original theatre in the Highlands. A true independent spirit, Ryan is also committed to collaboration encouraging people to use their talents and stretch their wings. He brings a wonderful presence to the stage and to our community."

Before presenting the 'Founders Award' to Carole Finn, editor, Martha Perkins said she certainly would not want to be the one making the choice in a category filled with such worthies. Carole was recognized as having "played a significant role" in giving the Arts community in Haliburton "a jump start. As one of the founders of the Haliburton School of the Arts, the Haliburton Highlands Guild of Fine Arts and the Rails End Gallery, Carole played a key role in laying the foundation for a thriving arts community in the Highlands. A woman with great vision, she has worked tirelessly to support of the arts and culture in the Highlands. She worked hard to get things started and has continued all these years to give her support and to dream new ideas. A talented artist in her own right, Carole is now re-launching her career as a visual artist and a gallery owner. You can see her wonderful paintings at the Carole Finn Fine Art Gallery in Minden."

Cass Marie



Just prior to radio host, arts commentator, writer and actor Jack Brezina taking the stage to announce 'Supporter/Administrator' honouree, Barb Bolin, Bethany Houghton (who has been playing the cello since the age of four) held sway over the audience with a classical piece by Mendelssohn.



Erin Lynch

Bolin was praised for her 35 years of contributions to the arts that "have had an enormous influence in making Haliburton "Where It's Art". As principal of Fleming Haliburton School of The Arts she has been a tireless champion; leading the growth of the School to become one of Canada's largest and most respected art colleges. She is a mover and shaker for art in this community - a founder of the Haliburton Sculpture Forest and the Arts Council. She has played a significant role in the recognition by the County, municipal governments and the Haliburton County Development Corporation of the arts as an important part of our local economy. She is an outstanding fund-raiser and was the driving force behind the building of the new campus at Fleming. Barb is a no-nonsense administrator forging ahead where others fear to tread. She encourages new artists and is a great patron of the arts. She served on the board of the Ontario Craft Council, Ontario Trillium Foundation, and a whole range of national, provincial and regional boards and committees. Barb is a visionary who operates day to day while thinking five steps ahead. No idea is too big. Barb is a person who finds a way to make things happen. She is a woman who has made a difference in Haliburton County, in the arts and beyond."

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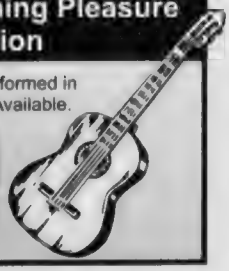

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JULY

On Stage - **Sunday July 1st** "Laganza" (2 Night Show)
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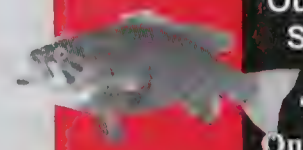

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On Stage - **Saturday August 11th** "Grove Tank"
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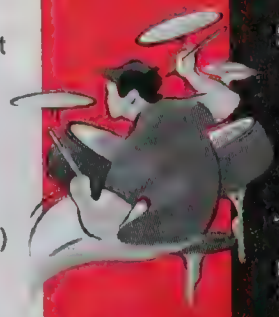

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Then the lovely Jocelyn Regina sang to us in a sweet, sparkling soprano. (More Loreena McKinnett than Melissa Etheridge, right George?)

Before composer and creator of landscape theatre, Murray Schafer opened the envelop naming Melissa Stephens 'Artist of Distinction', he reminded us that the best art is born of necessity; reminiscent of Percy Bysshe Shelley's famous line that (poets) artists are "the unacknowledged legislators of the world" (I mean, who would you believe, Bono or Bush?)

Murray Schafer

The voters had this to say about Melissa Stephens: "Over the past 30 years Melissa has contributed an incredible amount of time and her talents to bringing music to the community. She is an amazing musician, has taught music to hundreds of children, leads six community and church choirs and inspires and encourages others in their musical aspirations. She is a co-founder of the Highlands Summer Festival, performs in its annual music concerts and supports its musical productions through directing, coaching, accompanying and performing. This year she is liaising with Richard Margison and the Highlands Summer Festival to organize a summer Opera School. Under Melissa's leadership and guidance hundreds of children and adults have been inspired to sing, play, perform and find joy in music."

Alana Ziorjen

Bethany Houghton

It seemed fitting that the closing remarks were left to Jim Blake to deliver – yes, Jim, (or William if you made it to the Dead Poets Idol) that consummate storyteller and indefatigable co-coordinator of The Haliburton Highlands Arts Council; after which, Sideshow Bob took the stage and everyone hit the dance floor.

I would be remiss if I did not mention that Daniela Pagliaro — dancer, coordinator for the Artists in the Schools program and events manager for the Rails End Gallery — in keeping with the occasion, actually wore a work of art. After following a modest trail of fallen feathers, I found Daniela in the ladies room where I inquired about her striking outfit. She said her hand silk screened silk skirt was designed by Kingi Carpenter, the owner and operator of Peach Berserk on Queen Street in Toronto. "I call it the recycled berserk skirt as it was made with leftover pieces of material cut into squares, patched together and finished off with red feather trim. The necklace and earring were Erin Lynch originals (Bella's Bazaar, Haliburton), shoes: $1 at the Lilly Ann (local 4 Cs); tights: Stedmans; long black pit-length gloves: courtesy of Nadine Papp and handed off in the parking lot." Daniella shone, and like the queen of sheik, Cher — who would look good wearing a miniature white wicker chair on her head (and did) - - some people just know how to put it all together. Wear it's art, indeed. All part of the fun.

A hearty round of applause is definitely due the Celebration Committee for their vision and determination, not to mention all the sponsors and contributors (too numerous to name) who donated their time and services; so I'll leave my closing remarks to Leslie English. "The chance to be part of the creation of something as vital as the Arts Council Honours is a rare privilege," she said, citing the "exceptional team of individuals, all dedicated to fostering an awareness of what our local artists contribute to the quality of our lives. Based on the response in its inaugural year, we look forward to making the Honours Gala bigger, better and even more inclusive in the years to come."

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Based in a historic general store, formerly Welch's General Store or the Maple Lake Store, depending how old you are to remember. The Art Hive, home to the Collective will be offering the community a gallery space, gift shop, artist-in-residence studios, and arts-related workshops and events. The Collective is particularly committed to supporting local youth in artistic initiatives through mentoring opportunities with a commitment to reducing their ecological footprint.

Renovations continue to progress on the building. A timber framed entry way will soon be erected with recycled wood from the old Seagram's distillery. The building had been vacant for three years before it was purchased by Erin Lynch in the beginning of February.

A freelance writer and jewellery artisan, Erin had previously sold her jewellery out of her walk-out basement studio in a home she rented outside of Haliburton. After 30 meeting with various people in the community Erin launched the project with a group of dedicated creative community members.

"The majority of people involved are emerging artists/craft people who are in the first seven years of their career. We have chosen to come together to overcome some of the obstacles that exist for artists in our community including accessible and affordable studio space and finding a high traffic venue to sell and exhibit our work," says founding member April Gates, of Blackbird pottery.

"We wanted to create a space from which we could give back to the community by supporting and fostering art and fine craft through youth initiatives," says April.

Presently there are 10 artists and craftspeople involved in this unique venture including: a jeweller, three potters, a woodcarver and sculptor, a blacksmith, a woodworker, a textile artist and a musician.

For a nominal monthly fee, artists will sell their work at a low commission; have the option to use The Art Hive space for facilitating workshops or events; be entitled to have an individual show in our exhibition space with an advertised opening reception and to be part of two group shows per year. As well, the collective has created two spaces for an emerging artist and youth artist where monthly fees will be waived for one year. Information and submission packages are now available. For more information call Erin Lynch at 754-0021 or e-mail ironicluddites@sympatico.ca.

Opening June 29 with a grand opening set for June 30 The Art Hive is already scheduling a number of events and workshops to take place during the summer. The first event will take place May 26. The Hemlocks, a popular local band with Cass Marie will be doing a fundraiser. The show begins at 8:00 pm. Tickets are $10 and can be purchased at the door. The Art Hive is located at 10239 Hwy 118, just East of St Peter's Church Road.

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Your Chance To Shine In The LimeLight: Auditions Coming up for Last of the Great White Pine

Auditions will be open soon for the original musical, Last of the Great White Pine, written by our own Michael Fay. This production will be performed on August 23 rd to 26 th inclusive, at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre. The work has several components. An overview of the play and its components are listed below, courtesy of Production Manager Fay Martin

Last of the Great White Pine is an original musical, set at the Minden Agricultural Fair in 1884, with French Canadian loggers battling English Canadian farmers for the love of the Reeve's daughter. A chorus of children (the Spirits of the Great White Pine) interlace the history of the destruction of the forest from 1869-1884, with a call for re-forestation to help the earth breathe again. The play was developed through a grant from the Eastern Ontario Development Fund (EODF) and is being produced by the Conjurors of County Town for the Minden Hills Cultural Centre (MHCC). The play will launch an inter-generational, place-based environmental education strategy featuring tree planting in the community.
The Conjurors received an EODP grant in February to pay honoraria to each of 5 members of a Creative Team (playwright, original music, music consultant, choreographer, website developer) to develop *The Last of the Great White Pine.* Their collaborated work has created an original musical featuring 6 original songs, the Spirits' children's chorus, 9 speaking roles including 4-6 singing roles, as well as townspeople /chorus/ dancers
Great White Pine Theatre Camp: a 3-week day camp (July 9-27) will combine environmental education and theatre training to develop the knowledge and skill base necessary for the children to play this role. The Artistic Director, an experienced theatre professional, has designed a curriculum to be delivered with the assistance of two drama graduate interns to teach theatre techniques, staging, and costume design, along with the history of the local pine. One intern will start in June to develop environmental materials into a website resource.
Community Cameos: The Spirits will share the story of the pine and promote the play through several appearances throughout the County as part of the Camp curriculum.
Climate Change Campaign. In the play, the Spirits' story is told in six tableaux at the beginning of each scene. After the play, the Artistic Director will work with a GWP intern to adapt this role to a stand-alone presentation, using the Spirits as peer leaders but engaging other children as well. The presentation would be suitable for an all-school and/or community performances to kick off the environmental campaign in September. A fall curriculum will culminate in tree planting along the Gull River in October, facilitated by the Conjurors.
Minden Hills Cultural Centre / ASES Theatre Troupe: The intern, in collaboration with the Playwrights Workshop Minden, will develop and deliver six theatre skills workshops for ASES students during the school week, and for older youth on the weekends. This will culminate in a joint presentation in December at the new J.D. Lawrence Place. A broad scope of theatrical approaches will focus on local history and environment, A Theatre of the Earth.

Audition Dates - Auditions for all roles will be held June 02 at the old Minden Times Building on Bobcaygeon Rd in Minden. Kids auditions (11-16 yrs old) will start at noon, and adults auditions start at 3:00 pm, with a later afternoon call as well. For more details get in touch with Fay Martin (705) 286-3668, or at m.fay@sympatico.ca

Where are they NOW
Hollywood Stars Gone Missing

Jaleel Ahmad White: aka: Steve Urkel

Name: Jaleel Ahmad White
Born: November 27, 1976, Pasadena, California
Claim to Fame: EVERYONE knows Jaleel as Urkel. I can not think of him in anything else. There lies the problem he's had since the show ended. He will forever be associated as Steve Urkel.
Family Life: Single
Info: Jaleel was a victim of one of those inaccurate urban legends that spread like wildfire around the Internet. There was a fabricated AP story announcing that former child star Jaleel White had shot himself in the head, leaving behind a suicide note which simply read, "Did I do that?" That saying was the trademark catch phrase which Jaleel would whine each week as the bespectacled, nasal nerd Steve Urkel his TV series "Family Matters."
Trivia: Regularly played basketball against George Clooney while each was on their respective TV series, "Family Matters" and "ER", which were on nearby sets.
Graduated from UCLA Film School in 2001.
Enjoys making homemade ice cream and even considered doing it professionally when he was a teenager.
Likes writing short stories and drawing cartoons.
Before auditioning for Steve Urkel, he was looking for the "classic" nerd glasses (black, think, with tape around the center) but had no luck. His father, a dentist, tossed him the glasses he used to keep particles out of his eyes.
Jaleel just figured he would find different glasses later. The crew loved the look so he kept them.
It was his idea to use the whiny voice, hike up the pants, and walk with bent elbows for his Urkel on "Family Matters".
Is anti-alcohol and drugs.
After shooting his first scene as Steve Urkel, fifty frat boys in the audience started chanting "Urkel! Urkel! Urkel!" It was then that the producers realized how gifted he was.
Ranked #37 in VH1's list of the "100 Greatest Kid Stars"
Was considered for a main character role during the casting of "Saved by the Bell".
After going through puberty during season 3, he admitted it was harder doing the nerd voice for his character Steve Urkel and because of that, the voice sounds more unnatural than before his voice change.
Played the voice of Sonic the Hedgehog on three animated series, including "Adventures of Sonic the Hedgehog," the ABC Saturday morning cartoon "Sonic the Hedgehog" and "Sonic Underground."
Where is He Now: After the show ended, Jaleel White did the voice of one of the characters for the cartoon movie 'Quest For Camelot.' He also did a TV series which only lasted a year called 'Grown Ups.' In that sitcom he played a 24 year old post college graduate. He graduated from UCLA Film School in 2001. He now lives in a condo in California and enjoys playing basketball, and is a professional writer. Credit's include Jaleel White's Blog on NBA.com

The fully-grown Jaleel is not only alive and well, but still guest starring on television sitcoms, writing scripts, and co-starring in a movie arriving soon on DVD called "Who Made the Potato Salad?"

Jaleel says he's been busy making his paper as a screenwriter and just finished working on a pilot, not to mention two movies this year. One of which is the eagerly anticipated 'Dreamgirls.' He is with some pretty big co-stars, Beyonce and Jamie Foxx.

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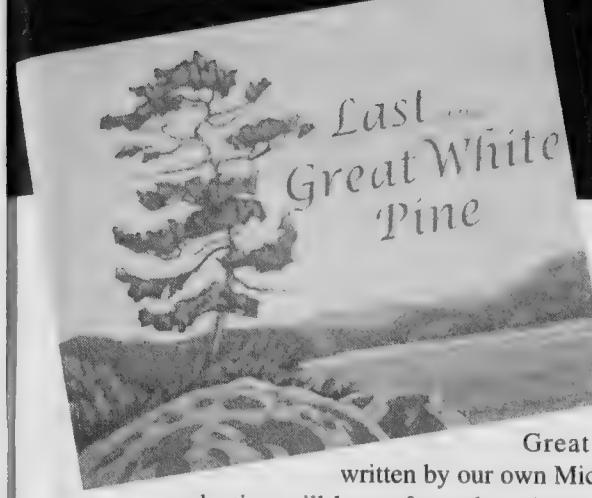

A Play by Michael Fay

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It's important to note that the play has evolved drastically since Michael finished his first draft. This is due to the formation of the creative team which was put together to give Michael expertise that he didn't have, in order to produce a more effective end product. The team consists of Playwright Michael Fay, Coreographer/Director Rene Baillargeon, Songwriter and Lyricist Heather McLeod, Musical Consultant Bethany Houghton, and Website Designer Erin Kernohan.

I spoke recently with Director Renee Baillargeon, Renee is a B.A., M.A., M.F.A.(equiv), cultural analyst, a bilingual director, choreographer, playwright, adjudicator and performer who has worked across the country from the Victoria Symphony to the Grenfell Players of Newfoundland. She has taught at McMaster, Brock, Memorial, Windsor, Sheridan and Niagara University NY.

"I'm a cottager, and have been coming up since 1979. My husband Don Smith and I are residents of St Catharines, and we cottage on South Beaver Lake. I read an article about Michael Fay in the Communicator, and I went to see his play *A Little Study in Scheming*" that he put on at the Minden Museum. I was impressed with the quality of the writing, and the support and enthusiasm from the community, both offstage and on. I also recognized that they could use some help with some professional production values. It was in the back of my mind for some time and eventually I got in touch with Michael, and his partner Fay Martin. I have a masters in musical comedy so there was a natural fit there. They got in touch right away, and a couple of months later, around November, we came up to close the cottage and we met with Fay and Michael."

"Fay was very effusive and warm," Renee continues. "I was a little bit more reserved initially. I was coming is as a professional in my field and I've been through the process before. Things don't always work out but I was really taken by their enthusiasm, and I realized that they were both tuned into their community. It was a question about finding out how open they were because many playwrights are not." It seems that both Michael and Fay were open to changes that would improve the work. "We were very simpatico right off the bat," Renee says. "Fay's role is basically that of a production manager. She has great organizational skills, and she has great people resource skills, as well as being able to deal with the financial end of things. Michael who has written a great play was open to learning where dance fits best fits into his work, what style of music and instruments best fit the play. Basically he was open to learning the conventions of a musical.

The play has evolved since Michael's first draft, due to the input of the production team. The concept is still there, from the ecological and historic context, "but we added a children's chorus to replace a troubadour-it's just more dramatic and makes it much more community-based," explains Renee. "A new lead role evolved a strong female character which replaced the ingénue. A song and a love interest have been added for her. Originally the play was a Romeo and Juliette type tragedy, but now it has a happy ending, and we're all really glad about that. We also convinced Michael that 2 acts is more conventional structure for a musical. Michael is like the captain of our creative team, and with everybody collaborating, we are now at the casting stage."

Pictured: Great White Pine Director Renee Baillargeon

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WHAT: Creating Healthy and Effective Workplaces
WHEN: Tuesday, June 19, 9 am to 3 pm (Registration begins at 8:30 am)
WHERE: Haliburton Highlands Health Services (Minden Site) Main Auditorium, 6 McPherson Street in Minden
TO JOIN: Ideal for employers, managers, human resources staff and wellness committee members. Cost is $20 per person and includes lunch/refreshments. Pre-registration with payment is required by Friday, June 8. Call the Health Unit at (705) 324-3569, ext. 231, or toll-free at 1-866-888-4577. You can also e-mail dwilson@lindsay.hkpr.on.ca .

In the workshop's morning session, workplace health advocate and expert Dr. Martin Shain will discuss the benefits to employers of enhancing "the quality of life at work" for employees. Dr. Shain is a professor at the University of Toronto and founder of the Neighbour at Work Centre, which promotes fairness and reasonableness in employment and other working relationships.

The afternoon speaker is Karen Galley, President of Patient News Publishing based in Haliburton County. Galley will provide a practical and local view on creating a healthy workplace. Her company, which is the international leader in creating signature dental practice marketing newsletters, has been recognized as one of Canada's top employers for its workplace health efforts.

"We're thrilled to have two dynamic presenters attend the workshop to share their expertise in how local employers can make workplace health part of their business," says Stephanie Ratz, a Health Promoter with the HKPR District Health Unit.

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Victim Services covers everything from sexual assault, domestic violence, death notifications, sudden deaths, missing persons, personal crisis, break and enter, motor vehicle collisions, elder abuse, abductions, vandalism, suicide and homicide and other tragic circumstances.

They are also referred to as VCARS., Victim Crisis Assistance and Referral Services. VCARS is a free and confidential service available to all individuals and visitors within the City of Kawartha Lakes and Haliburton County.

Trained volunteers respond immediately at the request of a police officer, EMS and /or Firefighter, only with consent from the victim, to attend at the location they are needed. These locations could include local hospitals, a victim's residence, accident scene or police detachment. Volunteers may also respond to service requests made by other community agencies. Victim Services accepts self referrals for telephone support as well. They can be reached 24/7.

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The role of the Victim Service Provider is to be supportive. This may involve making phone calls, sitting down with a cup of tea, providing transportation, supplying a meal, a nights lodging, but above all listening to what the victim has to say. Kawartha/Haliburton Victim Services is not a counseling service but provides immediate response and referral information to those who need some ongoing support through other community agencies.

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Kawartha/Haliburton Victim Services is a Registered Charitable Organization (Registration # 88676 8795 RR0001), that is funded by the Ministry of the Attorney General. With the start of summer vacation, population in the service area doubles, and in order to be able to assist these welcome tourists, they depend on additional funds through other community organizations.

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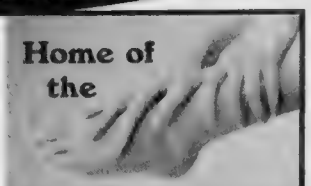
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Cultural Centre Has Something For EVERYONE!!

By George Farrell

One of the things our great county is known for is the arts, and there are many testaments to that, ranging from studio tours to the School of the Arts. The arts fall under the bigger umbrella of Culture. Under that same cultural umbrella is history, education, communication, sports, and things like dining and even the environment, as it pertains to what is accessible to citizens in a designated area. We're lucky in that lakes and forests are part of our culture. Culture is what helps to define the quality of our lives. Now culture is a scary word for some people, and many people shy away from the word, because they might be afraid of being uninformed or unknowledgeable. Well I'm here to tell you to fear-no-more, because there is a cultural organization that has something for just about everyone. That organization is called The Cultural Centre. There's that word again, but read on, you might be surprised by what you've been missing, and what exciting activities you can become involved with, that will not only spice up your life, but who knows, might even help you feel more.....well.... cultured.

So now that I hope I have your attention and before we get into the juicy details lets find out something about the woman who runs the Centre. The Cultural Centre is located in Minden, across the bridge over the Gull River, and the director of operations is Dianne Graham. Dianne first became interested in the Minden Hills Museum, and she was a volunteer on the museum committee. Her special function was the walking tours around the historical sites of Minden. She was still working in Toronto at the time where she was a senior officer of public affairs for VIA Rail Canada. In 1998, tired of commuting, she left VIA after 16 yrs and stayed to work in Minden. She heard that a position was available as the administrator or the Agnes Jamieson Gallery. Dianne applied for the job and got the position. She spent 4 years as administrator, and during that time she 'sowed many seeds' that were later to bear fruit. But an illness to her mother, who lived out of town, drew Dianne and husband Gord away from the area in 2003. "We loved our life here and moved only to give extra care to my Mom. We really missed it, but Mom eventually rallied," says Dianne with wonder, "and she is still doing well at age 91. Anyway we wanted to come back, and after Mom got better we were able to come back to friends, a beautiful environment and a warm community." Dianne and Gord moved back in 2005. "In my absence," Dianne explains, "projects that I had started were completed, the most noticeable being the addition to the Agnes Jamieson Gallery. It must be stated that while Dianne was away Laurie Carmount, curator of the gallery, did great work in helping to move the process along and making the addition what it is today. The large addition can now house and showcase the impressive collection of well-known artist Andre Lapine."

"With the addition this corner location was redefined as the Cultural Centre, and it incorporates the Agnes Jamieson Gallery, The Minden Hills Museum, and the Minden branch Library. We're moving in the direction of co-ordinating our programming, marketing, events and activities."

Now did I not say earlier that at the Cultural Centre there is something for everyone? I don't suppose you thought that I would be talking about the culture of the toilet, but as an example of how the centre is coordinating its programming, Dianne mentions the hilariously named 'Sitting Pretty' exhibition, which takes place this August. "It's coming through the museum because it's a heritage display, but it will use the gallery space, she says. It's the history of the toilet in various media. There will be activities," (and just before my mind wondered to some pretty dubious activities centered on the toilet, she rescued me by continuing), "activities like out-house races." she laughs. I am not sure that this activity was very much better than what my mind was so very nearly contemplating, but with another laugh Dianne says "that's Carol" (Museum curator Carol Simmons), "and you'll have to check with her about the outhouse races." OK, I think I will, and my guess is that Carol will have a lot of inquiries about that one.

But moving on, Dianne mentions photography, a cultural activity more familiar to me. "There will be a photography contest with a theme of outhouses, she explains." So, if you have a particularly appealing outhouse, a loo-with-a-view for instance, take a picture and submit it.

"Even though the library is a county responsibility and the gallery is Township of Minden Hills, we now include the library in our brochure, and on our website," Dianne explains. "The next stage is that we are amalgamating the three separate volunteer

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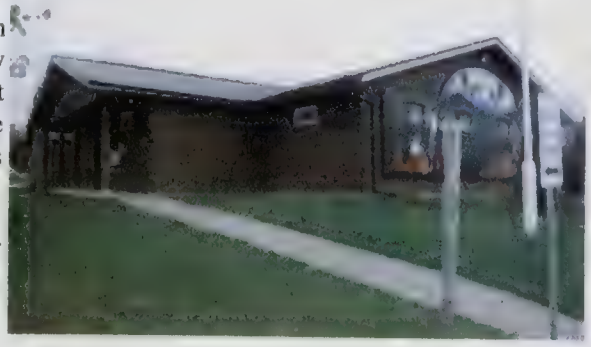

committees into one, called the Minden Hills Cultural Centre Advisory Committee. The library assists in different ways. For instance last year when we had the very successful Charles Dickens event the library featured a special display of Dickens books."

Continuing with our theme of something for everyone, here are some of the things that happen at the Cultural Centre. There is a writer in residence, who at the present time is Pauline Johnson. There is the genealogy group through which you can trace your ancestry, and then there is Highlands Media Arts (HMA). This group specializes in digital media, and if you want to have the group make a first-rate video for you or your organization, they can do that. Or if you want to learn how to use a professional digital video camera properly you can do that to-or learn how to edit you own videos. The group also has digital video cameras, and accessories, and editing equipment for rent. So check them out. The common room in the Cultural Centre is also available for rent for meetings, receptions and luncheons.

Curator Laurie Carmount runs a well attended after-school art club on Tuesdays for budding young artists, and in the summer months there are all kinds of things happening through the gallery branch of the Cultural Centre-things like pioneer school for kids on Wednesday mornings, as well as workshops in mosaics, life drawing and calligraphy. Getting in touch with Laurie will give you a better understanding of all the activities connected with the art gallery.

Not to be outdone, The Minden Hills Museum also has a list of activities. There is the continuing heritage walking tours, Victorian Teas in the Bowron House, which is just one of the one of the historic buildings on the site. Then there is the County Town Conjurers group. These are the people that "bring" historical figures to Minden Hills. In the past this group has been responsible for the highly visual and entertaining Queen Victorias Jubilee, The Charles Dickens Christmas, Dylan Thomas' A Childs Christmas in Wales, and very well attended outdoor plays like local playwright Michael Fay's 'A Little Study in Scheming'. This year they will be putting on Michael's new play 'The Last of the Great White Pine' which is an important work inasmuch as it relates to the history of logging in our area.

Another attraction and big addition to the Cultural Centre will be taking place this year. "In 2007," Dianne proudly explains," the big project will be the building of the R.D. Lawrence Place. For those of you who don't know of the late R.D. Lawrence, he was a naturalist who wrote many books about his experiences, and he is especially well known for his work with, and stories about

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wolves, several of which lived with him for many years. He requested that his life's collections and works be donated to the Cultural Centre, and the new building is the result. "We are very grateful to the Township of Minden Hills in their vision to supporting this facility. We're growing into a key tourist attraction, which brings economic benefits to the Township as a whole."

So now Minden and the Cultural Centre will have two permanent exhibitions by well-know personalities, the writer/naturalist R.D.Lawrence, and the painter Andre Lapine. "Because of the Lapines we get people coming from 'Guelph, Toronto, Orillia, and Ottawa. They find out about it through the Internet, and people plan to visit here specifically to see our collection. With the addition of the R.D. Lawrence Place, and with a larger library (in the planning process), the centre will be a dynamic year-round facility for the local community, cottagers, tourist young and old," says Dianne. "We are a unique gem in the cultural community of Ontario. To have heritage, literature and so many arts come together under one roof is a rarity, particularly in a community of this size." (Couldn't have said it any better myself.)

So there you have it. As you can see culture can be fun, so take a visit to the Cultural Centre in beautiful downtown Minden, and discover a world at your doorstep that will make you proud to be a citizen.

The Minden Hills Cultural Centre is located at 176 Bobcaygeon Rd, Minden. You can get in touch with Dianne Graham at 286-2808. The website is www.mindenculturalcentre.com

Hours of Operation

Agnes Jamieson Gallery, Wednesday to Saturday, 10am-5pm from November to May, and 7 days a week 10am-5pm from May to November. You can get in touch with curator Laurie Carmount at 286-3763.

Minden Hills Museum, the museum is closed during the winter months. It opens in May and closes in October, depending on weather. The hours are Tuesday to Saturday 10am-5pm. Call Carol Simmons at 286-3154.

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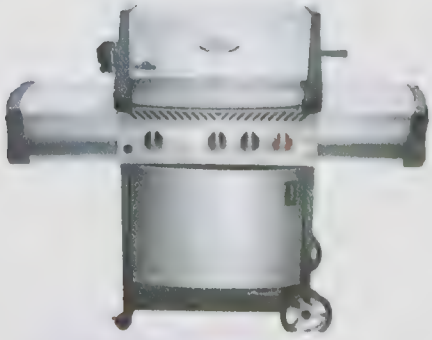

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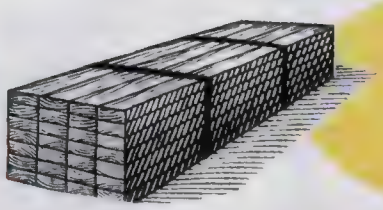

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Meet Firefighter Jeff Farr

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Jeff Farr is a bear of a man, dark and bearded, and if it wasn't for his ready smile and friendly handshake he might appear to some to be physically intimidating; yet he was expansive in giving details of what it takes to do what he and his cohorts do on behalf of our citizens. "I'm originally from Newmarket," Jeff begins, "and I moved up permanently in '92, but my family have been cottaging up here since the early 60's. In '92 I was working in Keswick as a marine mechanic. One weekend when I was up here I stopped in at Wedgewood Marina and asked the owner whether he needed any extra help in fixing snowmobiles in the winter, as my job in Keswick was over for the season. He said yes, he would take me on, and I ended up staying there for 10 years fixing boats, sleds, and other small engines. In 2000, after winter work at Wedgewood started to drop off, I started working with Thomas Contracting in Canarvon, snow ploughing in the winter. In the summer I was still employed by Wedgewood. Then in the summer of 2003 I went with Thomas full time," Jeff recalls. His duties at Thomas consist of driving gravel trucks and snow ploughs, plus general maintenance of vehicles.

Jeff who has a son Daniel aged 4, and a daughter Sarah who is 8 years old, recalls how he came to be a firefighter. "My daughter, who was born in 1998 - her babysitter was Julie Chadwick. Julie is the wife of John Hogg, the district chief of Algonquin Highlands Fire Services. I was picking Sarah up at day-care at Julies in the fall of '99, and John happened to ask me if I was interested in joining the fire department. I took a moment to think about it and I said yeah, that sounds real interesting, and I've been with the department ever since, on a volunteer basis, year round."

But why would anyone want to do this kind of volunteer work? Jeff Farr says, "The reason for me was that when I moved up here, the people in the community were so warm and friendly I just wanted to give something back- I had the physical strength and the skills. It just gives me a tremendous feeling of satisfaction to be able to help out. I think all of us feel the same way. We've got a great bunch of guys here, and there's a great comradery.

You don't just automatically become a fire fighter of course, there's

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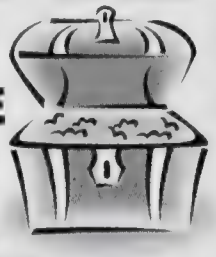

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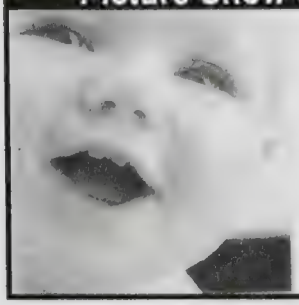

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quite a bit of training to do in addition to whatever skills you might bring to the job. "We train every Monday night," Jeff explains. "Training consists of operation of trucks, pumps and the pertinent equipment. We also have a fully- stocked rescue truck for extracting people out of wrecked vehicles, and sometimes we do actual scenarios with that equipment. We use old cars and we practice cutting up various sections so that we're familiar with doing that. In addition we have to take classes to know things like where air bags are located on all new vehicles, so that we don't injure ourselves or the victims during a rescue operation. We also do ice-water rescues and we have just purchased a new rescue boat, so we have to learn everything about how to use the boat, so that we're ready when we have to use it in the conditions it was meant for. We practice with our air tanks, water hoses, ladders, and we need to know various methods of fire fighting, both Offensive and Defensive. By that I mean we have to know when we can save the structure, Offensive, or when need to concentrate more on containing the spread of the fire, Defensive. Containment is especially important up here in cottage country where there are so many trees and other cottages around."

Firefighters are on call 24/7 all year round, and no matter what they're doing they all have to respond to the call. At the present time there are 15 volunteers operating out of the Stanhope Station, but they would like to get that number up to about 25. They all carry pagers with them, and Jeff relates an incident that happened earlier in the evening, prior to this interview. "I had just gotten home from work and jumped in the shower when the call came in, so I jumped out, the dinner is still in the microwave, threw my clothes on and hightailed it to the station as fast as I could. The call was for an auto accident. The first guys in donned their equipment and our mini pumper truck 84 is the first one to go. Then followed by rescue truck 85. That's the truck with all the extraction equipment and blankets. This is the truck specially designed for auto accidents, and is also the truck where we can stabilize victims until the ambulance arrives, if it isn't already there. Then our big pumper unit 81 goes out. We roll out all our equipment until we determine the extent of the accident and then we recall what isn't needed. Tonight a lady slid off the road into the ditch and we only needed two trucks to deal with the situation."

As you might expect, many of the calls to any fire department are of a non-life-threatening nature, and damage to vehicles or property is negligible. Sometimes however the damage can be extensive and the adrenalin-inducing factors extremely high. Jeff Farr recalls one such incident.

"Sometimes when we get an actual fire call like the one a couple of years ago when Little Hawk Resort burned down, things can get very exciting. In that fire it was a structure fire, so when you get to the station, you're already really pumped - the feeling is really hard to explain unless you're a fire fighter - everything rolls at top speed. I was in the first truck out of the hall, and when we got there the fire was fully involved. We knew right away it was a Defensive attack, and we knew too that we weren't going to save the building. Our first concern was to get it under control, then to

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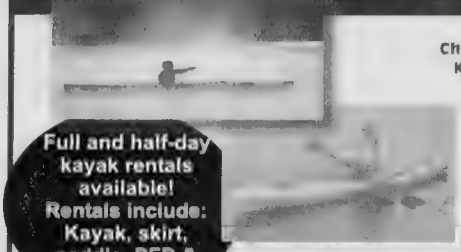

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Biggest Challenge is Water Access Calls

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get it out, and my job that day was operating the pump on unit 84. We must have been there 5 or 6 hours before we finally got it out - it was very exhausting."

"Our biggest challenge," says Jeff, "are our water-access calls. For instance, if we get a call where there is boat- access only, then that is a big challenge - it's a time factor. We can get the equipment there, though right now we have to borrow boats, but it's not like you can drive right up to the location."

"We are presently in the process of discussing whether we should get our own boat," he says." All the necessary equipment to do the job properly, and avoid tragedy whenever possible, of course comes with a hefty price tag. "The Township provides for a lot of our equipment," explains Jeff, "but we also have fund raisers. This past fall we had a very successful trail ride for ATV's. Over 90 riders showed up. They paid to enter and then we all went for a day-long ride in the area, and we had a diner and raffled off prizes. We held it right here in the fire hall. We also have a haunted house fund raiser which is held at Gina and Nigel Atkinson's Garden Centre in Carnarvon. We turn the centre into a haunted house, and we dress up in scary outfits and try to scare everyone, but the kids get the biggest kick out of it. It's a lot of fun. There is an admission fee, and we sell hot dogs and pop. There's a corn roast and a dance as well. Then there's also the Annual 'Bake' Fishing Derby, and they raise funds for us too. We're in the process of organizing a support group that can help with some of the fund raising events."

Fire fighters are a breed apart all right. I think that most of them must have a deep love for their fellow man. They have a sense of comradery. A lot of them are strong and fit, and oh yes, it helps to be brave too. All the attributes of the traditional heroic figure.

So, if anyone out there wants to be part of the support group to help with organizing funds, or if you think you've got what it takes to be a volunteer fire fighter for the Stanhope Fire Department, call Fire Chief Keith Thomas at Thomas Contracting. The number is (705) 489-2711. You can also show up at the Stanhope Fire Station on Monday nights at 7:00 p.m. The station is located at 1095 North Shore Rd. in Stanhope.

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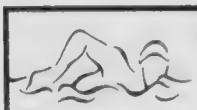

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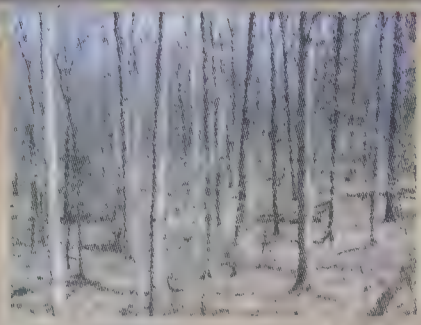

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waterfront privacy a rare find - no neighbours in site, 180 feet lake frontage over 1 acre , and with crown land adjacent to property for added privacy. Cute 3 bedroom cottage, with newer windows & doors, pine interior, airtight wood stove, large deck to enjoy the sunset views, great swimming in the crystal clear water (no weeds), deep water at end of dock. easy year round access.

Boshkung Lake - $299,000

for more pics go to www.dougjohnson.ca

Fabulous 3 lake chain, spacious & well maintained 3 br cottage/home. featuring lovely antique cookstove in kitchen, stone fireplace w/insert & bright sunroom. open concept design. nice decking & docking with great sunny southwest exposure. detached garage/workshop (900 sq.ft.). level lot, miles of boating & great fishing. deep water off dock.

Doug Johnson **
(705) 489-1234

Hwy 117 East - $329,000

Muskoka Charmer! Built in '99, this very comfortable 2 bedroom, year round home/cottage features licenced access to 200' frontage, deep-water deck and dock on beautiful Grandview Lake, plus a very comfy, heated bunkie on a 2-acre landscaped nicely treed lot. Located between Baysville & Dorset.

Business Opportunity - $399,000

Set up your own business in the beautiful Kawartha's. 1900 ft. frontage on busy Hwy 121, + 25 acres of land. Close to Kinmount, Haliburton & Minden. Zoning both commercial & residential. This property features 7 out-buildings, complete with an Apt. for live-in help; plus a residential 4 BR home for the live-in owner. Or rent them both to defray costs. Vendor will hold mortgage with suitable offer.

Ross Jarvis *
(705) 286-1234
ext 226

Country Charm - $189,900

Lovely country bungalow located on 3.6 acres. Spotless and well-kept with 2+1 bedrooms. Spacious eat-in kitchen, cozy sun porch and large living room. Includes central air, UV and water softener and appliances. Great privacy yet close to town.

Brady Lake - $289,000

Spacious 3 Bedroom 'Viceroy Style' cottage. Cathedral cedar ceiling in open concept living, dining room/kitchen. Dead level lot with child safe sand beach. Large deck with great views across lake to forested shore. Easy year round access. Builder's own cottage with many upgrades.

Vince Jarvis *
(705) 286-1234
ext 227

'This is just the Garage! Art Studio Potential'

Prime 3 acre gently sloping waterfront lot on Mountain Lake with more than 4000 sq.ft. of living space. Four bedrooms & 3 bathrooms offers lots of room for friends and family. The Perrenial gardens are about to bloom...call Hal or Patti for your appt. to view. Asking $675,000.

'Well Built Horseshoe Lake Property'

A tree lined laneway welcomes you to your own south facing lakefront home or year round cottage in the Haliburton Highlands. This 4 bdr, 2 bath residence includes a walkout to a stone patio from a fully finished basement (with large fireplace). Call Hal or Patti at 1-877-286-3334 ext. 238 for your appointment to view today Asking $459,999.

Patti Johnson &
Hal Johnson **
(705) 286-1234
ext 238

3 Bedroom Waterfron Home - $199,900

Beautifully renovated 3 bedroom home on water. Small picturesque lake with natural shoreline. Featuring a screened verandah, basement, drilled well, laminated flooring in living room, modern kitchen, 4 pc bath.. Call Madeline Doyle

Waterfront Close to Haliburton - $274,900

Well maintained 2 bedroom cottage, with a gentle sloping lot to sand beach. Close to town of Haliburton, on year round road. Garage. Most furniture included. Great starter. Contact Madeline Doyle to view.

Madeline Doyle*
(705) 457-2414
(top right)

Luxury Waterfront - $799,000

Custom built, 5 bed, 3 bath, luxury wf home/cottage, 295 feet waterfront, point lot, multiple exposures, multiple walkouts, large dock, garage, large deep clean lake. Asking $799,000. more pictures at www.haliburton-realestate.com

South Lake - $229,000

South Lake, 3 bed, open concept cottage, level lot, boathouse with 14 x 30 deck on top, w/o from living room, easy access, long view up the lake and only $229,000. more pictures at www.haliburton-realestate.com

David Lee *
(705) 286-1234
ext 231

* Sales Representative ** Broker *** Broker of Record

Grace Lougheed **
(705) 286-1234
ext 230

Horseshoe Lake - $649,900

Maintenance free construction for turn key enjoyment. Home/cottage features: manufactured hardwood oak flooring installed over drycore, hot tub built into deck, multi-level decking, 200 amp service, heated water line, private balcony off the master bedroom, all e-gon windows, and quality garden doors. New propane Porcelain and nickel stove in living room, Architectural shingles, one and half car garage. EXECUTIVE LIVING!!

Denna Lake - $329,000

DENNA GREAT COTTAGE, 145 feet of sandy shoreline, with a level lot, great swimming and boating. Cottage features, knotty pine walls and floors, 3 bedrooms, 4pce bath. Quiet lake with shoreline owned.

Al Mayo *
(705) 286-1234
ext 233

Denna Lake - $279,000

Three bedroom cottage on Denna Lake with 100 frontage - well treed for privacy - level at shoreline - eastern exposure - move in and enjoy, great starter at a great price.

Gull River - $259,500

Well maintained three bedroom waterfront home on a level lot. Features: double insulated garage, large deck, finished walk-out basement, dock at water's edge. Boat to Gull Lake or to the town of Minden.

Mike Murray *
(705) 286-1234
ext 234

An Island Of Your Own! - $820,000

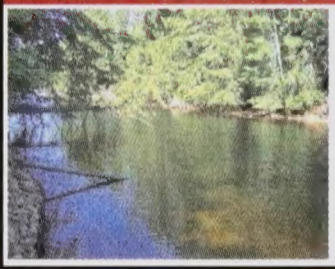
3 Cottages, 1 island with about 39 acres & almost 1 mile of shoreline. 300' sand beach. Plenty of room for family and friends or a corp. retreat. Each cottage has it's own style and charm. This is truly a unique property that takes you back in time to a more relaxed lifestyle. Seller will hold a mortgage.

Gull River - $75,900

Well treed building lot on the Gull River. Perfect for a cottage or year round home. Gull Lake boating. Easy road access on a quiet laneway, Five minutes to Minden by car or boat. Hydro and phone are at the lot line

Michelle &
Chris Smolarz *
(705) 457-2414
ext 22

Pelew River - $195,000



Large level waterfront lot with 178 ft frontage on Pelaw River. Boat, fish, swim on large three lake chain of Big & Little Redstone and Pelaw Lake. Mature treed level lot with private driveway in and building site prepared w/ underground hydro and septic installed. Year round access on paved township road. Build your dream home or cottage on this beautifully prepared lot.

Lorraine Lake - $249,900

3-bdrm cottage on Lake Lorraine. Newer great room and master bedroom addition. Tastefully decorated w/ plenty of pine interior & hardwood floors. Very private treed setting. Sandy beach. Submersible lake water pump with heated line and ultraviolet filtering system. Turn key with modern appliances, Jacuzzi tub, most furnishings and boats ready for you to enjoy!

Debra Lambe *
(705) 457-2414
ext 24

Eagle Lake - Fabulous Waterfront - $589,900

Renovated 3 B.R. - 4 season cottage w/123 ft. of sandy shoreline. Hardwood floors, propane fireplace, modern kitchen, comfortable livingroom, mudroom area and attached garage. Year round access on quiet dead end road. Newer deck and dock. Walking distance to ski hills. Close to Eagle Lake store. Contact Debra Lambe f/app't to view.

Country Home - $105,000

Affordable and well maintained 2 bedroom home on 1.97 acres. Features include modern kitchen, large livingroom/diningroom, 4 pce. bath, vinyl siding, propane and wood heating, two decks and 2 outbuildings. Close to snowmobile trails and shopping. Must see to appreciate.

Anthony
vanLieshout ***
(705) 457-2414
ext 27

Boshkong Lake - $669,900

BOSHKUNG BEAUTY!! A rare find! Well maintained year round waterfront home or cottage on prime gentle slope point lot with smooth rock into lake & sand beach area. Insulated heated garage, metal roof. Very private setting with southern exposure and wide lake view. Major three-lake chain and miles of boating - located on prestigious Boshkung Lake.

Esson Lake - $599,900

CUSTOM BUILT 2170 sq. ft. "True North" Log home. Granite countertops, Birch hardwood flrs, hickory cupboards, Douglas Fir Beams, Pine Logs, 3 washrms, main flr laundry, master bedrm ensuite w/Jacuzzi, loft area, radiant 2 level flr heating, full w/o lower level to decking, living rm cathedral ceiling. Over 2000 sq. ft. of Brite Composite decking (featured in Home Depot magazine, $20K Easy Dock System, limestone landscaping, plus loads more. 150 ft frontage on Esson Lake.